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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

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## Oak Knoll Celebrates Its Fifth Birthday



OAK KNOLL (from the air) as it appears today. The aerial view was taken by the Photographic Department of NAS, Alameda.

Tuesday, July 1, 1947, marked the end of five years of service at U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland. Work continued as usual, but it was a day of retrospection for "old-timers" who have watched with interest each stage in the institution's development.

With a nucleus of 25 buildings, 500 beds, and a handful of officers and men, the Navy's 48th hospital was commissioned on 1 July, 1942. The hospital soon grew into one of the largest in the Navy. By the time the first patients arrived, nurses, doctors, corpsmen, and civilian workers had taken up their duties, and a month later the first Red Cross workers arrived. In February 1943 the first three WAVE's arrived for duty, and in July of that year a WAVE Corps School was established. The following year the first group of Cadet Nurses reported for a six-months training course.

Great expansion came in 1944 with the addition of new wards, the Community Service Building, swimming pool, amphitheater, and bowling alley. Climax of the expansion came in 1945 when the new chapel was dedicated, bringing the total number of buildings to 123. In September and October 1945 the hospital reached its peak in staff and patient personnel. More than 6,000 names appeared on the daily roster, and the staff—including enlisted corpsmen and WAVE's, nurses, and doctors—totaled 2,500.

Oak Knoll, 1947, has an atmosphere of peace and quiet, but it is still one of the Navy's largest treatment centers, serving Twelfth Naval District Navy men, Marines, veterans, and

dependents of Naval personnel. It also acts as a receiving station for sick and injured from bases in the Pacific. Of the 1,700 beds now available, 550 are allocated for Veterans Administration patients.

Oak Knoll's all-time patient roster lists 157,300 patients. Seven thousand of these have been veterans. At the Out-Patient Clinic, noted for its outstanding work in prenatal and maternity care, it is estimated that more than 500,000 examinations or treatments have been given by Navy doctors. In that department alone nearly 17,500 admissions are recorded, and more than 6,600 babies have been born here since production began in 1942.

In addition to caring for patients, the hospital serves as a training activity for Navy nurses, 28 of whom have been indoctrinated since March 15. Also under the Navy training program, internes and resident physicians have the opportunity of working with Navy and civilian specialists. Twenty-six consultants from civilian life come to the hospital at regular intervals to assist with the training program and with care of patients.

Four outstanding doctor-administrators have guided the activities of this well-known treatment center.

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## Navy Honors John Paul Jones; Oak Knoll Holds "Open House"

To commemorate two days of national importance—the signing of the Declaration of Independence on 4 July, and the birth of John Paul Jones on 6 July—Oak Knoll will hold Open House for the public on the 4th, 5th, and 6th from the hours of 1300 to 1630.

Holiday routine will be in effect for members of the Starboard Watch for 4 July. Port watch will have liberty over the weekend.

In making plans for the celebration of the bicentennial of the famous mariner's birth, the Navy Department has issued the following message:

"No more fitting tribute can be paid by a nation which has enjoyed a long and glorious independence than to celebrate the anniversaries of men who have contributed generously toward its achievement. John Paul Jones ranks high among the naval heroes of all time. We owe him a debt of gratitude that was neither repaid during his lifetime, nor has been adequately expressed by the people of these United States. It is all the more appropriate, therefore, that on the bicentennial of his birth we accord him due honor and tribute so nobly deserved and bring to the attention of American citizens the valiant traditions of the Navy."

In the 12th Naval District, formal ceremonies for the day will be staged aboard the "Hornet." Speakers will include Rear Admiral Donald B. Beary, 12th ND Commandant, Captain Philip Lemler, shipyard commander of the San Francisco Naval Shipyard, and others.

Open House will be held aboard destroyer, submarines, transports, along with the "Shangri-La" and the "Hornet." A roaring aerial battle, with squadrons of planes simulating attack on the "Shangri-La," will highlight the celebration.

## Fourth Recreation

Twenty men will be the guests of the National Broadcasting System for the Standard Hour, Sunday, 6 July.

Fifty men will be guests each night—until 8 July—for performances of the Amateur Roller Skating Championship of the World at Oakland Auditorium. Men desiring to attend should contact Recreation.

## Shades of Hawaii! Hattie, Harry Coming To Knoll Auditorium

Appearing in an aura of Hawaii, merry Hilo Hattie, vocalist with Harry Owen's orchestra, will bring a nostalgic twinge to many persons here next week, in an afternoon show, Wednesday, 9 July.

Yes, Hilo Hattie and Harry Owens will be here to charm Knollites with the favorites of the Islands, and especially those that have made Hattie famous.

Actually Hattie is sad. She does not have enough time to sing all her songs of the Islands. With such popular arrangements as "The Cockeyed Mayor of Kaunakakai," "Manuela Boy," and "Princess Papule,"—not to mention her "Hop"—Hattie is kept too busy to sing her complete repertoire. But she enjoys every minute of the entertainment she does do.

## Welcome and Farewell

Welcome aboard to Capt. Anselm C. Hohn, MC, USN, who reported from University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Medicine; Pharm. Richard P. Wells, USN, from USN Berthing Facility, Swan Field, Portland, Oregon; and Lt. (jg) Neal D. Sanborn, MC, USN, from ONOP, Denver, for internship.

Good luck to Lt. (jg) Kenneth E. Cosgrove, MCR, USNR, who was transferred to USS Pasadena (CL 65) for duty; Lt. (jg) James E. Holmes, MCR, USNR, transferred to USS Duluth (CL 87) for duty; and Lt. (jg) Robert L. Mills, MCR, USNR, transferred to USS Atlanta (CL 108) for duty.

Good luck to Lcdr. Joseph L. Nielson, MC, USN, and Lt. William G. Donald, MC, USN, who have been separated from the Navy. Dr. Nielson is going into practice at Cloverdale, and Dr. Donald is going into practice with his father in Berkeley.



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## Spirit of '76 in '47

A new nation was conceived one hundred and seventy-one years ago — a nation that was to become an important and powerful factor in the world's civilization and in the principles of Democracy.

On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress signed the historic Declaration of Independence, and today we pause to celebrate this momentous occasion.

As we pause, let us contemplate what this document should mean to us. It was placed into effect by a people who believed that "all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights—among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." Today, the ideals set forth should be stronger in the hearts of Americans, for we have fought to maintain these ideals—that the turmoiled world may again taste the sweetness of peace.

These unalienable rights are the basis of our government, and as such, they should be honored by every freedom-loving person. In this honor, we also owe our forefathers, ourselves, and our progeny, the obligation not to misuse these rights. In misuse, these ideals become a menace—which could threaten the sanctity of democratic living.

So, let us celebrate this birthday of America, but keep in our minds the things for which the Declaration stands, and then, individually and collectively, maintain them for the good of all people.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews

Sunday—

Divine Service.....1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

Protestant Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—Carl Herold.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900.

Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.

Confessions before all Masses.

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

## Oak Knoll's Birthday

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Captain F. E. Porter was the first medical officer in command. In this assignment he was followed by Captain R. F. Hook, Captain F. W. Muller, and Rear Admiral A. H. Dearing. Captain C. A. Broadus arrived in February of this year to carry on the outstanding achievements of his predecessors.

Although there has been a constant turnover in Naval personnel during the past half-decade, many civilians on the job today have been witnesses to the hospital's progress. Of the 456 civil service workers now on the payroll, nine began work the day of commissioning. To them, last Tuesday meant more, perhaps, than to

others of the staff who have not been here to observe the changes that have come from year to year. On the institution's fifth birthday, they looked to the past with satisfaction and to the future with hope of continued success.

On the job since the first flag raising in Genreau Circle and still carrying on are Dorothy Hager, Genevieve T. Smith, Eva H. Premo, John W. Eslinger, William P. Gross, Fred A. Robinson, Alfred G. Pauli, Bernard Garcia, and Chester L. Pierce. Other pioneers reporting only a few days later are Patricia W. Nuttall, Lois E. Wilson, Arthur N. Kerby, and Steve Ball.

## Red Cross Ramblings

The weekly Jam Session at the Poopdeck Monday night, was the setting for a presentation of two Mason radios to the hospital by three representatives of the Richmond B'nai Brith, Jewish Welfare organization. W. J. Tyukodi, EM2c, of Ward 63A, accepted the two radios on behalf of the patients of this hospital.

Barney Schwartz, Stan Newman, and Jerry Blumenfeld made the trip from Richmond to present these radios. The Contra Costa Lodge of the B'nai Brith is only six months old, and these two radios represent their first presentation to any service hospital. This donation is part of a newly initiated veteran's program.

One of the new radios will remain in the recreation hall, and the other will be turned over to the Welfare and Recreation Department for distribution to the wards.

All the patients attending the Barn Dance Party at the "Poopdeck" last Wednesday night, enthusiastically swung their partners (beautiful hostesses) to the tune of "Turkey In the Straw." Orchids to Mrs. Edna Saake, of Oakland, who made all this music possible. These super entertainers included George Jones, guitarist; Louise Calloe, pianist; Jimmy Barcole, violinist; and Albert Douglas, violinist. Under the expert instruction and "calling" done by Mr. Clynhammer, of Berkeley, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening of square dancing. Special mention to: patients who decorated the room with all kinds of things like wooden horses, etc.—loaned by Public Works Department for the evening.

**Attention all chess and checker experts**—and those patients interested in learning—we have members of the Oakland Chess and Checker Club as partners for you and as instructors. See your Red Cross Worker.

S1c Walter Shoeman on 44B had a birthday party to top all birthday parties. It seems the Gray Ladies, Mrs. Harrier and Mrs. Camille, heard about the coming event and outdid themselves to make it a gala one for the whole ward and the "A" side too. Not only was the cider ice cold but the candle-lit cakes were surrounded by no less than violets. To add to the afternoon, Mrs. Mortimer Smith brought forth music from the ward piano. In talking with the Gray Ladies afterwards they had special praise, as always, for the ward corpsmen who are always so helpful and cooperative; so extra verbal violets to HA2c Bagwell, HA1c Johnson, HA1c Harden and PhM3c Lalla.

### July Poopdeck Schedule

Monday afternoon, 1300—Dance instruction — Arthur Murray teachers.

"Dark Room" open for film developing and printing.

Monday night, 1900 - 2100 — "Jam session" and games night.

Wednesday, 1300 - 1600 — "Dark Room" open for film developing and printing.

A group of eight men took advantage of the fine June weather and the new Red Cross bicycles Wednesday afternoon to ride along the shores of Oakland's Lake Merritt.

Transportation was provided by Cross Motor Corps. These bicycle rides are an increasingly popular feature of the convalescent recreation program. Any patients interested in signing up for these rides should contact their ward recreation worker.

## Miss San Francisco Visits Knoll Ward



Miss Virginia Phillips singing a popular ballad for the bed patients of Ward 60.

Every Sunday evening, patients of Oak Knoll receive a special treat when Mrs. England, of Oakland Red Cross Chapter, brings a group of popular entertainers to the wards.

Last Sunday the hospital was honored with the presence of "Miss San Francisco of 1947" — Miss Virginia Phillips — as part of the group's performers.

Maurice Anger, prominent Berkeley and Bay Area pianist, accompanied Miss Phillips and the aggregation. Irene Gonzales, Spanish singer, Cecilia Short, KFRC vocalist, David Thorn, young singer, and Joan Barston, young professional dancer, provided the entertaining evening.

## ARC Overseas Clubs To Be Transferred

The American National Red Cross gradually will transfer its overseas club activities to the armed forces during the next ten months, according to an announcement received from Washington by Miss Marie Adams, Red Cross field director.

The report stated, however, that no change is contemplated in traditional Red Cross field and hospital services to which more than 1,400 overseas workers currently are assigned.

Miss Adams said that present plans call for the Red Cross to transfer a specific number of clubs each month, beginning in July of this year, until the entire reorganization is completed on 31 March, 1948. All supplies, equipment and furnishings will be turned over by the Red Cross without cost.

Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal thanked the Red Cross for its contributions to Navy morale overseas.

"It is heartening to know," he commented, "your hospital recreation and welfare services will be continued as usual."



# Scuttlebutt

or our look-who's-doing-it-now department this week we have Biller getting a bright new ring from O's Stern.

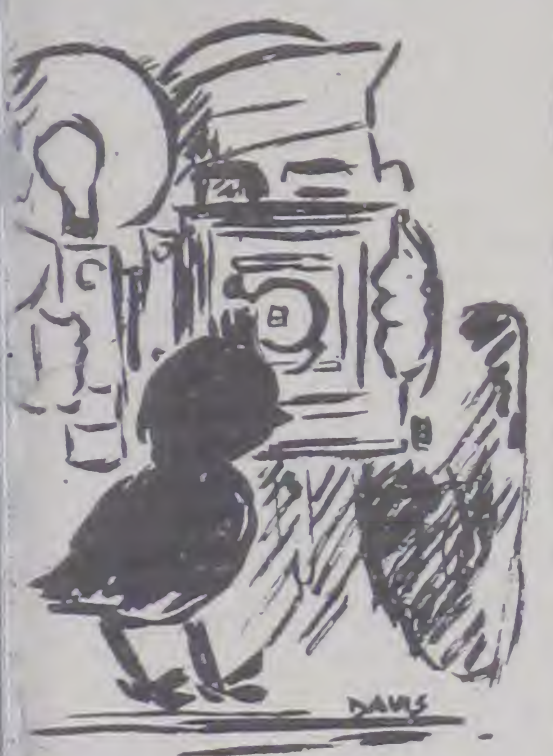
William Ready ready to read? At least we have seen him hanging around the Oakland Public Library for a bit. Don't blame you a bit, they have many fine editions here.

ologies to Miss Marilynn Logan, any "ribbing" that may have been mentioned in this column about a certain Knollite, with the name of L."

ooks like Dave Gamerl is sport-something extra in the form of the and dressings—on his frontal. What happened, Dave?

re understand that Jenkins has been subscribing to a series of lectures. The lecture hall is the barracks, the Professors are unknown.

three quail—and not the kind that whistle at—have been seen in the company of those shutterbugs from the Graphic Arts. What are you doing, s—waiting for a meal?



"Watch the BIRDY!"

## Federal Job Exams

U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced examinations for provisional appointment to the position of Metallurgist. All applications must be filed with the Commission in Washington by 22 July, 1947. Positions are in the Fourth Civil Service Region.

Examinations will be given for the positions of Electrician (General or Special), in the San Francisco Area and outlying parts. Applications should be filed with the U. S. Civil Service Examining Board at the U. S. Naval Shipyard, Hunters Point.

# Injured Muscles, Nerves and Joints Treated By O. T.

Occupational Therapy looks like fun. But the patient who is weaving or carpentering by doctor's prescription and the therapist who guides his activities know that a great deal more than recreation is involved.

Patients are there for a purpose. They have learned that injured nerves and muscles gain strength through use. Stiffened joints are limbered by the persistent exercise that weaving, ceramics, leather work, and other crafts involve. Permanently handicapped veterans, through this training, have discovered occupations that will enable them to be independent, successful tradesmen after they are released from the hospital. Tired minds and bodies are stimulated by purposeful activity, and prolonged convalescences are made more pleasant by occupation and by the satisfaction the patient finds in achievement.

Oak Knoll's Occupational Therapy department, opened more than four years ago, is one of the best-equipped in the Navy. At Building 27, looms are available for weavers; a print shop offers experience and exercise for typesetters. Leather tooling, pottery making, plastics, knot-tying and other crafts offer a wide choice of activity. A completely-equipped carpentry shop at the rear of Building 2 gives ample opportunity for constructive work. But Occupational Therapy is not limited to those who can come and get it. Three registered therapists and a Navy technician make daily trips to the orthopedic, neurosurgery, general medical, and psychiatric wards, giving individual instruction in a variety of crafts. Progress of each patient is reported periodically to the Ward Medical Officer and added to other medical records. These reports serve as a basis for further prescription.

According to department records, 97 per cent of the approximately 100 patients who participate daily in the Occupational Therapy program are there on doctor's orders. Fifty per cent of these are veterans.

Chief of the OT service is Captain Kenneth H. Vinnedge. Lt. Virginia S. Wilde, HW, USNR, is directly in charge of the department. Transferred here from San Leandro in August, 1946, she will soon have completed a year of service at Oak Knoll. A graduate of Boston School of Occupational Therapy, Miss Wilde had worked in hospitals in New York and Kansas City before joining the Naval Service in September, 1944.



While Earl Caywood, S1, Ward 42A, weaves, he is overcoming limitation of the use of the left elbow. An infection in the upper arm stiffened the elbow and weakened his grasp. Increased strength and motion are noted after a few days at the loom. An interested observer of Caywood's activity is Therapist Lenore Andrews.

Joseph Fereirra, veteran, Ward 52, is recovering from a brachial plexus injury. Under the guidance of Miss Wilde, he constructs an attractive belt, at the same time works for coordination of motion of the wrists and fingers, for strengthened grasp and renewed function of the elbow.

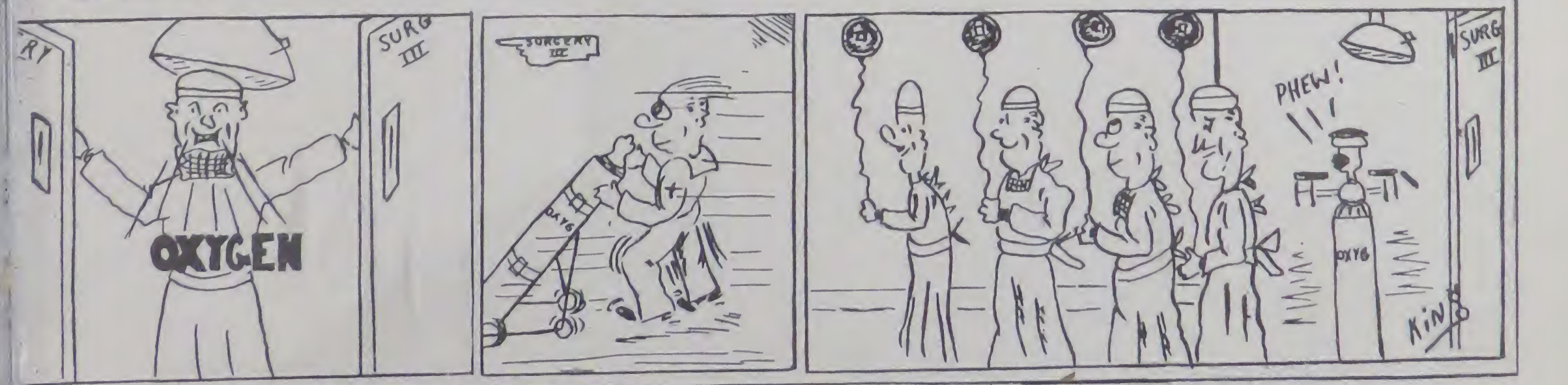
Doctor's orders for Thomas Dawson, QM1, Ward 41B, include daily exercise of the wrist and shoulder. His elbow is immobilized in a cast, but he reports daily for Occupational Therapy. Rose Cezer guides him as he starts work on a copper ash tray. Hammering, filing, and polishing will provide plenty of wrist motion.

Jean Gagnon, AOM2, Ward 41A, was seriously injured in an automobile accident 3 1/2 months ago. Both femurs and the pelvis were fractured. At the potters' wheel in Occupational Therapy, he uses a kicking motion for extension and flexing of the muscles of the lower extremities. This treatment supplements the walking exercise for which he reports to Physio Therapy daily.

Two former therapists with the Army, Rose Cezer and Lenore Andrews, joined the staff six months ago. Miss Cezer, New York University graduate, was connected with the Department of Hospitals, New York City, before entering the service. In the Army she served at Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs, Mitchell Convalescent Hospital, Camp Lockett, California, and Bruns General Hospital, Santa Fe. At Bruns she met "Rusty" Andrews, with whom she is associated here. Miss Andrews received her Bachelor of Fine Arts

degree at the University of Arizona, took the Army occupational therapy course at the University of Southern California and served at William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Borden General, Chickasha, Oklahoma, and Santa Fe. Also on the staff is Lee Goins, CPhM, Navy-trained technician, who will soon be back on the job after a month's temporary duty at Mare Island and a 30-day leave.

The Mason-Dixon is a division between "you-all" and "youse-guys."





# Shoemaker Slips Before Steady Knoll Nine Drive



HOME RUN by Krautheim is caught in the last and crucial stage, as Bruce comes in for a landing at home. Note the ball (see arrow) eagerly awaited by opposition's Groves.

Recruiting Chief: "Are you allergic?"  
Boot: "No, I'm Harry."  
Rec. Chief: "Do you have an appendix?"  
Boot: "I haven't been issued one yet."  
Rec. Chief (disgusted): "My gosh, man, don't you know the King's English?"  
Boot: "The heck he is!"

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## Buy • Sell • Rent

WANTED—Ride, to and from San Francisco. Contact Jack Evans, Disbursing Office.

WANTED—Apartment in Oakland for two girls. Contact Miss Betty Ward, Commissary Office.

FOR SALE—Plain band engagement and wedding rings. Box type solitaire setting, slightly over ¼ karat, blue-white. Paid \$200. Will sell for \$175. Has had three months' wear. Contact Sparks, Transportation, (nights).

FOR SALE—Printex enlarger, with 6½-in. f4.5 Wollensak Velogistigmat lens. Call Johnny Utt, ex. 183.

FOR SALE—'41 Oldsmobile Eight. Hydromatic shift. Call Dr. Reddy, Ext. 249.

LOST—Dog, black, except for white on breast and forefeet. About 18 inches tall, long ears. Answers to name of Butch. Information pertaining to the whereabouts of this dog will be appreciated. Call Chief Bosch, Pharmacy.

FOR SALE—1935 DeSoto Tudor Air-flow Sedan, \$400. Contact Chief Alwood or Chief Molinowski.

Reporter: "I've got a perfect story?"  
Editor: "Man bite dog?"  
Reporter: "No, bull throws professor."

For the second game out of three, Shoemaker has been defeated by Oak Knoll . . . the first defeat being 4 to 1. Last Saturday saw the action again at Oak Knoll, and after nine fast innings the Fleet City boys departed from a walloping of 12 to 5.

The local boys started out with a fast offense, and kept it up until the sixth inning. Two homers were batted out by the Knollites . . . with Krautheim claiming one, and Moon the other. Moon's run did not count because he failed to touch home, after being partially blocked by Shoemaker's catcher.

Ward started the game on the mound, and was replaced by Liggett in the second. Krautheim caught, with fielding positions as follows: Moon, 1b; Schneider, 1b; Childs, 2b; Bosch, ss; Thorn, 3b; Molinoski, lf; Cullinan, lf; Quinlan, cf; Kincaid, cf; Wolcott, rf.

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Ward, Liggett and Krautheim; Groves.			

## Girls In White

Arrivals this week in the Nurse Corps were Lcdr. Estelle E. Kalnoske (NC) USN from U. S. Naval Military Hospital, Saipan, and Lt. Eunice G. Davis (NC) USN from U. S. Naval Dispensary, Quantanomo Bay, Cuba.

Departures to civilian life were Lcdr. Anne M. Murphy (NC) USN who will make her home near Boston; Lt. Mabel G. Simpson (NC) USN who for many months could be found working in the Out Patient Department, is leaving for Birmingham, Alabama and will enter Vanderbilt University in the Fall, and Lt. (jg) Sophia B. Barnett (NC) USN who will join her husband.

A CPO putting his men through calisthenics gave the order: "Hips on shoulders—place!" A moment later he reconsidered. "As you were, men. That can't be done. Hips down."

## • Movie Schedule •

Friday, 4 July
"Unfaithful"
Ann Sheridan, Zachery Scott
Saturday, 5 July
"Rhapsody In Blue"
Robert Alda, Joan Leslie
Sunday, 6 July
"Cheyenne"
Jane Wyman, Dennis Morgan
Monday, 7 July
"Suspicion"
Cary Grant, Joan Fontaine
Tuesday, 8 July
"Perils of Pauline"
Betty Hutton, John Lund
Wednesday, 9 July
"Swing the Western Way"
Jack Leonard, Mary Doogan
Thursday, 10 July
"Winter Wonderland"
Lynne Roberts, Charles Drake
Friday, 11 July
"Living In A Big Way"
Gene Kelley, Marie McDonald
Saturday, 12 July
"Seven Days' Leave"
Victor Mature, Lucille Ball

# Man of the Mound -- "Ski" Molinoski

A versatile lightweight athlete, Victor "Ski" Molinoski, calls Ottawa, Illinois, his home town, and thinks back proudly on his prowess in the Ottawa Township High.

"Ski" not only left his mark on community baseball, but he also straddled his stuff in track and boxing. In fact, he strutted so fast for the m

"SKI" MOLINOSKI

that he still holds the school's record of 4 minutes, 38 seconds. Three years in amateur boxing led up to more than a year in the pro ranks. In 1939 Victor was runner-up for Golden Gloves—bantam-weight class.

In baseball "Ski" has always been on the mound . . . from sand-lot to two years of pro ball with the Illinois Valley League. In American Legion ball, Molinoski and the team placed as division champion. Besides the high school competition, "Ski" was active in semi-pro, playing with the "Dr. Peppers."

Joining the Navy in 1940, Victor Molinoski stayed in Illinois for his boot training—at the Lakes—and from there to Brooklyn for Hospital Corps School. The "mighty mite" next found his talents turned toward the sick-bay aboard the Astoria, and was with the ship until its fateful day in '42—off Guadalcanal.

Fleet Photography Squadron I was Vic's next stop—and he spent two years with the squadron—operating in the Pacific. The USS Kula Gulf, CVE 108, then claimed his attentions until he received duty at Dispensary, Great Lakes Brig.

In February, Molinoski was transferred to Oak Knoll, where, in the Record Office, he handles patient-transfers.

Previously, "Ski" pitched for the Naval Hospital aggregation at Great Lakes, where his team took the District Championship for 1941.

As a pitcher for the Knoll nine, as well as Assistant Manager, the Chief has shown that he really has something on the ball.

Corpsman: "Darling, I'm burnin' with love for you."

Oakland Chick: "Come now, don't make a fuel of yourself."

HCS Teacher: "How many bones do you have in your body?"

HA2 Recruit: "Nine hundred."

HCS Teacher: "That's a great many more than I have."

Recruit: "Yeah, but you didn't have sardines for dinner."





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Saturday, 12 July, 1947

## Funeral Services Held Here For Dr. Duffalo

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 1400 in the station chapel for Lieutenant-Commander John A. Duffalo, MC, USN, whose sudden death last Sunday came as such a shock to staff and patients of this hospital.

Close friends, military and civilian, served as pallbearers: Chief Warrant R. J. Pence, Lt. (jg) H. O. Perry, Lt. (jg) E. T. Jewett, Lt. R. L. Rouen, Lt. A. P. Minwegan, Captain H. P. McCrimmon, Captain A. O. Rule and Mr. S. A. Jackson. Facing the flag-draped coffin, Chaplain E. C. Andrews read the funeral service from the Book of Common Prayer.

Dr. Duffalo joined the Oak Knoll staff last November for a year's residency training in Ophthalmology. His serious application to duty together with his pleasant, unaffected personality readily gained for him popularity among both staff and patients.

Leaving his civilian practice in Missoula, Montana, Dr. Duffalo entered the Navy in June 1942 with the commission of lieutenant, junior grade, and a year later at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola he received his wings. Prior to sea duty he served as medical officer with recruiting stations in Montana and North Dakota and then with a number of naval air stations throughout continental United States.—St. Louis, San Diego, Seattle, Pasco and Holtville. For almost two years he served as Flight Surgeon with VC-85 aboard

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## Captain Robins Leaves For New Assignment As Executive Officer at USNH Corona

### VA Officials Tour Hospital, Visit Vets

From the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration came two official guests of the hospital last week—R. P. Shields, Regional Manager, and Dr. J. L. Reiger, Asst. Chief Medical Officer.

In order to carry out their desire to visit individually as many veteran patients as their time would allow, Captain Broadus, Captain Shupp and the local VA representative, Mr. C. E. Willard escorted them through six wards where the patient complement is largely veterans.

Informal chats with the men hospitalized invited full discussion of diagnoses, medical treatment and their general well-being. The VA officials saw first hand the physical ward set-up and they met personally a number of doctors, nurses and corpsmen.

"I was particularly impressed," wrote Mr. Shields to the Commanding Officer later, "by the fine appearance of the wards visited and the keen personal interest displayed toward each individual patient, both by yourself and your staff and by the ward personnel encountered."



CAPTAIN H. E. ROBINS, MC, USN

The Oak Knoll staff is saying "goodbye" to one of the hospital's best friends—Captain H. E. Robins, MC, USN, who is leaving today to assume his duties as executive officer at U. S. Naval Hospital, Corona. He is succeeded here by Captain Robert M. Gillett, MC, USN, who officially took over his duties this morning after spending a week getting acquainted with the compound.

Climax of Captain Robins' last week here and Captain Gillett's first came last night when distinguished visitors from other Twelfth Naval District activities, staff officers and their wives, nurses, WAVE officers, and Red Cross workers honored them at a buffet supper and dance at the Officers' Club.

Captain Robins came to Oak Knoll in January 1945, and in the eighteen months he has served here, his administrative and professional ability have contributed a great deal to the efficiency of the hospital organization. He came at a time when the hospital was undergoing a transition from a wartime schedule to the present peacetime routine, and during his service here many difficult problems involving personnel shortages have been met and solved successfully. From January 12 to February 17, Captain Robins served as medical officer in command as well as executive officer. This added responsibility he took in his stride, as

he has the day-to-day problems of his office.

The outgoing executive officer's medical career dates back to 1924, when he was commissioned in the Medical Corps after receiving his MD degree from the University of Cincinnati. Before and during the war he has held a variety of assignments afloat and ashore, stateside and overseas. Outstanding among his

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## Patient, VA Men, Captains, Talk It Over



Raymond Hunter Barr was one of the many veteran patients visited by Veterans Administration and Hospital Officials last week.

Pictured here with Barr are Captain M. Shupp (MC) USN, Mr. R. P. Shields, Mr. Clarence E. Willard, Captain C. A. Broadus (MC) USN and Dr. J. L. Reiger.

### Captain Robins' Message

The fine loyalty and devotion to duty of members of the staff will be outstanding among my memories of U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland.

To you all — Doctors, Nurses, Corpsmen, WAVES, and Civilians — I want to express my appreciation and thanks. You have made my tour of duty at Oak Knoll a pleasant, worthwhile experience. My best wish for the incoming executive officer is that you will give him the same excellent cooperation that you have given me.

H. E. ROBINS  
Captain (MC) USN  
Executive Officer



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## IN MEMORIAM

John August Duffalo, Jr.

Lieutenant-Commander, MC, USN

surgeon  
gentleman  
officer

whose personal life and military service  
were in complete accord with the highest  
traditions of the United States Navy

## Funeral Services

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the escort carrier, USS Lunga Point as it took part in battles of Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Leyte, and Luzon. For his services during these periods he wore the Asiatic Pacific medal with four gold stars and the Philippine Liberation medal with one star.  
Dr. Duffalo was a native of Minnesota but his permanent home was in Monrovia, California. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Jane Potter Duffalo and a fifteen-month-old son, Bruce John.  
Interment will be in Monrovia, California.

## Exec Leaves Today

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wartime billets was that of commanding officer of Base Hospital No. 15 in the Admiralty Islands. For eighteen months he was in charge of that medical facility—a 2000-bed hospital whose establishment he directed. He also directed construction of the U. S. Naval Hospital at Norman, Oklahoma, where he later served as executive officer. He came to Oak Knoll from U. S. Naval hospital, Shoemaker, where he had held a similar assignment.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

### PERSONALITY

"Personality" may be defined as the sum of our qualities and characteristics as they act and interact to affect other people. It is all of us that counts in the final impression that we make.  
Personality, like plants, can be cultivated and developed to any degree that we like. By constant work and experimentation Luther Burbank succeeded in perfecting many flowers. He taught the gladiolus to flower around the entire stem instead of on one side only. Out of the wild field daisy he succeeded in growing a blossom five to seven inches in diameter; and the amaryllis he increased accordingly.

Just as Burbank improved the plants he worked with, so can we improve ourselves. With constant effort, we can develop our personalities so that we may be more acceptable and desirable to our associates.

Following are some of the components of personality. The relationship of each item has been analyzed. Does the list agree with your ideas of personality?

Character .....	20%	Voice .....	10%
Intelligence .....	20%	Grooming .....	10%
Etiquette .....	15%	Apparel .....	5%
Conversation .....	15%	Posture .....	5%
Chaplain E. C. Andrews, USN.			

## Red Cross Ramblings

Those gayly decorated red, white and blue paper cups filled with candy on your fourth of July dinner trays, were sent to you with the compliments of the Berkeley and Oakland Junior Red Cross. Tray favors and place-cards also added a festive appearance. All of these attractive things were hand-made by members of the Junior Red Cross.  
Ask Chief Druewick, 46A, about his caged love-bird known as "Knucklehead"—\$1/c.

**Attention!!** Bicycle Rides every Wednesday afternoon around Lake Merritt with cool refreshments at the finale. Sign up with your Red Cross worker.  
70B can now boast of their good chefs who exhibited their talents at a weiner roast recently: John Terrien, Charles Castleman, John Dion, Charles Paterno, and Joe Bush amazed everyone by their expert handling of the "dogs." Good time, good food was had by all the ward.

### "Poopdeck" Recreation Lounge Schedule

**Monday** 1400-1600 Dance Instruction by the Oakland Arthur Murray Studio.  
1300-1600 "Dark Room" open for film developing and printing.  
**Monday Nite** 1900-2000 "Jam Session" and games night.  
**Wednesday** 1300-1600 "Dark Room" open for film developing and printing.

## Staff of Ward 75-B Commended

One of our civil service employees, recently a patient on Ward 75B, has written a letter from which the following extracts have been taken. The commanding officer is pleased with this report and wishes to commend the personnel concerned.  
"While a patient on 75B recently, I was deeply impressed with the courtesy and service extended me by the staff of the Urology Department. This fine service went beyond routine functions and was given in spite of the great activity necessitated by full occupancy of the ward. I noticed also that other patients shared my feelings in this respect.

"As a Civil Service employee at this hospital, I would like to express my appreciation and to commend especially the attentions of the Doctor and the cheerful service rendered by the ward nurse and corpsmen."

It is pointed out that many race horses are given peculiar names. Especially if they don't finish in the first three.

## Songs of the Islands Brought to Oak Knoll By Harry and Hattie



Harry Owens and his Royal Hawaiian brought an hour of outstanding entertainment to the compound Wednesday. With him came not the Hawaiian beauties pictured above, but Hilo Hattie, queen of Island comedienness.

Hilo Hattie is not what people think of as a glamour girl, but those who heard her original Hawaiian songs and watched her ample figure in action on the stage when she appeared here with Harry Owens Wednesday, agree that she is top-notch entertainment.

Clara Inter (Hattie) was an entertainer from the time she was a very small girl, often giving impromptu performances in the ward of the hospital where her mother was a nurse. Her talent remained cultivated during her years as a student and teacher in the Oahu schools. Ten years ago she gave up her profession and her inhibitions, donned a flowered "holoku" and began singing and dance, first for a week program presented by Eastman Kodak Company and later for the Mason Navigation Company at the Royal Hawaiian, where she was found and "adopted" by Harry Owens.

Unmistakably, Hilo Hattie belongs on the stage, but her teaching ability was demonstrated Wednesday when she gave a hula lesson to the reluctant but agile sailors.

Another outstanding performer on the program was Ernest Kowalewski who danced a lively Polynesian number and sang the "Hawaiian Wai Chant."

Numbers such as Harry Owens' "Sweet Leilani," "Little Butch," and "Coconut Grove" were played.

## Divine Services

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—E. C. Andrews  
Sunday—  
Divine Service.....1100  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
Protestant Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.  
**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—Carl Herold.  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900.  
Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.  
Confessions before all Masses.

**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound Tuesday and Friday afternoons.  
**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain draws at extension 184 to arrange transportation.  
The Field Representative of the Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Dept., is in attendance on the compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.



## Lab School Lures Oak Leaf Editor

The Oak Leaf suffered a casualty during the past week when Bob Davis, PhM3, wrote "30" to his job as editor and enrolled in lab school.

Strictly a modest man, Bob refused to be photographed even for the Oak Leaf, whose weekly budget of news he has produced almost singlehanded since last November. He joined the staff as associate editor in August, and since that time has, in his quiet way, become well-known on the compound. Bob's dependability, his "nose for news," and his knowledge of photography have enabled him to produce a paper that has been a credit to the compound.

With this issue, O. L. Ruhlow, CPhM, former chief master-at-arms at hospital, corps quarters, took over the duties of editor.

## Librarian Announces Changes in Schedule

Several changes in the library schedule have been announced this week by Miss Marguerite Hand, librarian. They are as follows:

New hours: 0800-1630, Mon.-Friday inclusive.

0830-1130 Sat.

Books are now loaned out for two weeks, instead of one week.

Tentative ward schedule: (Book Carts)

Wards 40-44 inclusive, Mon. & Thur.

Wards 64-67 inclusive, Tues. & Fri.

Wards 70-76 inclusive, Tues. & Fri.

Wards 51-55 inclusive, Wed.

Wards 60-63 inclusive, Wed.

## Girls In White

This week brings the arrival of one new member of the Nurse Corps—Lieut. Alta C. Hathaway (NC) USN, from U. S. Naval Dispensary, Centerline, Michigan. Miss Hathaway is an operating room nurse and can be found shuttling between the Operating Room and Central Supply.

Lcdr. Margaret Errington (NC) USN, and Lt. (jg) Marie Finn (NC) USN, are among the 100 Bay Area nurses attending the Institute in Nursing and Mental Health on the University of California campus from 14 July to 2 August.

## Camel Cigarettes To Salute Hospital On Three Programs

Staff and patients will be presented with 1600 packages of Camel cigarettes when the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company salutes Oak Knoll. Program dedications will be made by the following: 14 July—Bob Hawke; 17 July—Abbott & Costello, and 19 July—Vaughn Monroe. Watch your local papers for the times of these broadcasts.

## Nick Stuart to Visit Here 16 July



NICK STUART

Meeting a Hollywood motion picture star in person is the thrill promised personnel at Oak Knoll when Nick Stuart brings his orchestra here on Wednesday, 16 July. After winning fame as an orchestra leader Mr. Stuart was a featured player in more than 30 motion pictures and then returned to the orchestra world. The Maestro will present a 1500 Stage Show and at 2000 there will be a dance for all enlisted personnel.

A gob in an Oakland restaurant was trying to cut his steak. After digging into it a dozen times with his knife and fork, he summoned the waiter, "Here," he growled, "take this steak back!"

"No can do," said the waiter.

"Why not?" asked the sailor.

"You bent it," was the reply.

Manicurist: "Do you file your own nails?"

Y3: "No, I just throw them away after I cut them off."

Hah: That talk about the Irish being such good fighters is a lot of baloney. Remember that big guy, Casey? Well, me 'n' my three cousins almost licked him.

## Hayward Sportsmen Bring Outdoors Indoors For Patients at Oak Knoll



Patients "Hunt and Fish" on Wards, with help of Hayward Sportsmen's Club. Shown with the patients on 44 B are Mr. C. E. Wilson, Mr. William Lauten, and Mr. R. J. Calhoun, and John De Muri of Hayward, members of the Hayward Sportsmen's Club; Recreation Gray Lady Margaret Hayes of Oakland, and Recreation Staff Member, Dorothy Munson.

## Permanent Waves Wanted by Navy

The Navy yesterday asked Congress to enact legislation which will make the WAVES a permanent part of the naval establishment. The bill proposes a maximum of 10,000 enlisted women and 1,000 officers. Top rank would be commander, with the exception of the commanding officer who would hold the rank of captain during tenure of office. Officers would be distributed in various staff corps and the line, and would be promoted by selection in the same manner as male officers.

Capt. Joy Bright Hancock, present WAVE commander, said that present plans provide for about 7,500 officers and enlisted women. THE WAVES now have 2,000 enlisted women and about 200 officers on active duty. However, if the war were to be declared at an end, the present force would have to be relieved from active duty within six months. The Navy feels that there is a definite need for the services of women in the Navy, particularly in jobs requiring very detailed work.

## Welcome and Farewell

Welcome aboard to Captain Robert Milton Gillett (MC) USN, who reported here from USNH Jacksonville, Florida; Captain Alton Reginald Higgins (MC) USN, who reported from Com-4; Lt. (jg) Charles Duncan McMillan MCR, USNR, Lt. (jg) Frank A. Springer, MCR, USNR, and Lt. (jg) William E. Larsen, MCR, USNR, your first assignment—may it be a pleasant one.

Good luck with your studies at the University of California to Captain E. F. Evans, Cdr. T. D. Cuttle, Lt. H. A. Weiss and Lt. H. C. Barton who are taking a post graduate course in allergies; and to Cdr. J. S. Shaver who is taking a post graduate course in radio active substances used as tracers.

We dearly love ship's service.

We love it to all glory.

But every time we go there—

It's closed for inventory!

Patients on the wards have the chance each week to enjoy vicariously all of the various sports in which they are interested, when members of the Associated Sportsmen's Clubs present discussions, exhibits, and movies to the men. The programs were started one year ago here at Oak Knoll, and since that time, Sportsmen's Clubs from Oakland, Hayward, Richmond, Alameda and Martinez have come regularly to the Hospital to entertain the men.

Depending upon the time of year, seasonal sports pictures on baseball and football have been presented, in addition to discussions led by well-known players in the field. The fishing season started off with a bang with an exhibit of fishing poles, trout flies, and movies of fishing trips taken by members of the club. Demonstrations of the use of fishing and hunting equipment have always proved very interesting to the patients. This type of program has always been most popular, because the field of sports holds a great fascination to all men, who sincerely appreciate the work of the Associated Sportsmen's Club in bringing to them such excellent programs.

## How Not To Be A Wallflower

(SEA)—Janis Paige, a young lady just trying to get along in Hollywood, has discovered five ways to avoid being a wallflower at any party and doesn't mind telling that they are:

1. Make a good entrance. Fall down or maybe get stuck in a revolving door.

2. Wear something unexpected—a grass skirt or a fireman's hat.

3. Bring a zither or some other musical instrument. People will crowd around and offer to play the thing.

4. Lose a piece of clothing. Just what piece depends on the party, of course.

5. Don't go to the party in the first place.

## WEDDING BELLS

ChPClk R. J. Moberg and Lcdr. M. M. Morrison (NC) were united in marriage Thursday, 26 June at the Laurel Methodist Church, Oakland.

## Buy • Sell • Rent

WANTED — Passenger to Indianapolis, Indiana. Leaving about next Tuesday, July 15. Would like some one to assist with driving. Please telephone John Hottes, ANDover 5081.

WANTED—Ride, to and from San Francisco. Contact Jack Evans, Disbursing Office.

FOR SALE—Plain band engagement and wedding rings. Box type solitaire setting, slightly over 1/4 karat, blue-white. Paid \$200. Will sell for \$175. Has had three months' wear. Contact Sparks, Transportation, (nights).

FOR SALE—Printex enlarger, with 6 1/2-in. f4.5 Wollensak Velogistimat lens. Call Johnny Utt, ex. 183.

LOST—Dog, black, except for white on breast and forefeet. About 18 inches tall, long ears. Answers to name of Butch. Information pertaining to the whereabouts of this dog will be appreciated. Call Chief Bosch, Pharmacy.

FOR SALE—1935 DeSoto Tudor Air-flow Sedan, \$400. Contact Chief Alwood or Chief Molinowski.

Here lies the body of Casey, A bullet turned him to clay. He was leading the life of Riley, While Riley was away.



## Scuttlebutt

Lucky Men—Dick Gorman and Bill Hoskins were crew members of the ketch "Adios" when it copped first place in the three day Belvedere series in the Richmond Yacht Club's Regatta last weekend.

Hey Cecil! how did a certain party acquire the nickname of Tampico?

Eent's Jett has been making tracks to Lodi, Calif. quite often. Why?

What was the cause of Joe Guerras' leave extension?

Kid bites Kid on "Incubator Hill." Hey Chief, save some of your money for chow.

Frankie Zamudio has a new song added to his repertoire.

### DADDY MOON

Is it Superman? Is it a flying saucer? No, it's the Stork! This ever-popular bird paid a visit to Mildred and Paschal Moon and presented them with a 7 pound 9 ounce boy at 0233 on 7 July. Little Paschal Lynn and mother are getting along fine and it is our belief that Daddy is recovering nicely.

## Army and Navy To Clash

The Army and Navy may merge, but never on the baseball field. In organized athletics these two teams offer you the best battles known. There is more to it than just winning a game; there is a moral victory as well. Hamilton Field is sending a team to Oak Knoll on Monday, 28 July to give OUR nine some opposition at 1400. So we want All Hands down on the field to show the "doggies" that there is power in the support as well as in the team.

A midshipman wandered into a tennis tournament and sat down. "Whose game?" he asked.

A shy young thing next to him looked up coyly. "I am," she cooed.

## Man of Brawn Bruce Krautheim



"KRAUT"

Bruce Krautheim PhM3/c stops anything that passes the batter. On the offense his 184 pounds swinging the bat has given him an average of .435 which can't be overlooked.

"Kraut" hails from Paterson, New Jersey. He managed to squeeze in two seasons of football there, but the rest of his time at Central High was spent catching for the school and for an American Legion team.

The slugging catcher reported to Oak Knoll on 17 March after short tours of duty at Sampson and St. Albans.

At the present time "Kraut" is a "galley slave" on 63A where he is trying to bring his weight down to 175 which, he says, is his fighting weight.

A good catcher and a great sport, his absence from behind the plate would put a noticeable dent in the team.

## 800 Sightless Ex-GIs Have Left Hospitals

NEW YORK (CNS)—Eight hundred of the 1,500 servicemen who lost their sight in World War II have been discharged from Army and Navy hospitals, according to Dr. Howard A. Rusk, head of the Department of Rehabilitation at the New York University College of Medicine.

The remaining 700 are still receiving treatment and training to permit them to re-enter civilian life, Dr. Rusk said. Only five blind veterans of World War II, he added, have been admitted to Veterans Administration hospitals.

The rehabilitation record achieved in service hospitals, he said, "should give new hope to the civilian blind."

## Oak Knoll 20

NSD Marines 3

Wednesday's baseball game with the Naval Supply Depot Marines turned into a free hitting affair for the local nine with most of the boys getting to see all four bases.

The game was scoreless until the fifth inning when the local nine started their scoring spree. Among the extra base hits chalked up by the Oak Knoll team were doubles by Quinlan and Walcott, a triple by Morris, and a home run by Molinoski. Krautheim played a beautiful game behind the plate for the Oak Knoll team and seemed to have all of the players of the opposing nine pretty well figured out. Molinoski, pitching the complete game, allowed three hits and struck out twelve.

The lineup of the Oak Knoll team was changed for the game and may have accounted for some of those base hits. Starting lineup was Thorne at third, Childs short, Bosch second, and Schneider at first. In the outfield were Quinlan in left, Walcott in center, and Morris in right, with Krautheim catching and Molinoski on the mound.

A new addition to the diamond added a comfort for the local and the opposing nines in the way of dugouts, which were engineered by Manager Alwood.

## Baseball Today!

Knoll Nine will play the Oakland Dodgers Saturday 12 July at 1400 on the local diamond. The Dodger Team is a farm team of the Acorns, and, being professionals in the Double A league should make it a very good contest. So let's have all hands down at the field for moral support. Show the team we're behind them.

### Navy Sounds Off

You make with a swab  
And not with a mop,  
Topside, not upstairs  
To get to the top.  
You stand on the deck,  
Though it's green with grass,  
And it's chow, not food  
You get with your paws,  
Boat is to ship  
As hill is to mountain;  
And you drink from a scuttle butt,  
Not from a fountain.  
The gentleman's lounge  
Is known as the head,  
You sleep in your sack  
And not in your bed.  
You stow your gear,  
Not "put things away"  
And say, "Squared away"  
Instead of "O.K."  
It's port and it's starboard,  
Not left and right;  
A rope is line  
And a loop is a bight.  
You square your hat  
When you make it round.  
You hit the deck,  
At the bugle's sound.  
But our favorite phrase  
That phrase of dreams  
Comes, payday, then  
THE EAGLE SCREAMS.

## Personnel to See "Accent on Fun"

Don't miss the Stage Show at the auditorium on 24 and 25 July at 1915 Music, straight and definitely off the beaten path, is interlarded with tricky juggling, dainty yet sensational dancing and singing that range from swing and boogie to your favorite ballad.

## Well Known Artist to Sketch Patients

Here's an event worth looking forward to! MILDRED BAILEY CARPENTER, well known artist, will be at U. S. Naval Hospital on July 14, 19 and 21 to 26 under the auspices of USO-CAMP SHOWS' Hospital Sketching Program.

Mrs. Carpenter has gained renown and awards for her colorful illustrations and murals, which are exhibited in St. Louis, Mo., and other cities. The wife of an artist and an instructor at Washington University, she is one of the most popular portrait sketchers on the circuit, and imparts sincere interest and personality to each of the sketches.

Servicemen who are sketched will receive the original signed portrait free. In addition, USO-CAMP SHOWS has arranged to have two photostatic copies made, one positive and one negative, which the "sitter" receives also. From the negative numerous reproductions can be made.

## National Life Insurance Privileges Told

The liberal reinstatement privileges now in effect for National Service Life Insurance, originally scheduled to terminate August 1, have been extended to January 1, 1948, Colonel Thomas J. Cross, Chief of the Veterans Administration Branch 12 Area, announced today.

Under the liberal reinstatement privileges World War II veterans who have allowed their wartime GI insurance policies to lapse more than three months may generally reinstate them without having to take a physical examination.

Colonel Cross said the deadline was extended to give every former policyholder more time to take advantage of the privilege of reinstating his GI term insurance by simply certifying that he is in as good health as he was at the time of lapse and executing the required application. Only two monthly premiums must accompany an application for reinstatement.

Since last Feb. 1 approximately 55,000 veterans in the Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) have reinstated insurance totaling more than \$371,000,000. Throughout the country more than 500,000 veterans reinstated policies offering upward of \$3,500,000,000 of insurance protection.

A new recruit was being inducted and the officer asked if he was interested in a commission. "No thanks," he replied, "I'm not too good a shot—I'd rather work on straight salary."

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## Captain Gillett Is Veteran of Long Navy Career, Afloat and Ashore

### Patients to Take Power Cruise Trips

The Stockton Yacht Club has extended an invitation to 84 patients to participate in power cruiser pleasure trips. Besides the cruise in luxurious craft there will be plenty of good food with all the trimmings.

This invitation for Tuesday, July 29 is the second one issued this year by public spirited Stockton business men; the one last month had to be cancelled because of the bus strike and attendant drain on Navy vehicles.

Transportation will leave from the Community Service Building at 0800. Anyone wishing to go should sign up at the Welfare and Recreation Office now!

### CO Approves Club For Enlisted Staff

The Medical Officer in Charge has approved the establishment of an Enlisted Staff Club and Lounge which when completed will be in Building No. 31.

It is understood that rather extensive plans are underway to equip the Club and Lounge and place it in commission at an early date.

### Well Done

Belated orchids and a vote of thanks from all hands to Lt. (jg) Earl F. Hickey, HC, USN, and his commissary gang for the swell chow served on the Fourth of July.

The gracious smile in the Exec's office these days is that of Captain Robert M. Gillett, MC, USN, who last Saturday relieved Captain H. E. Robins, MC, USN, as Executive Officer at this hospital. The latter left the same day on delayed orders for USNH, Corona, to take over a like position there.

Mid-western friendliness of his native Iowa, courtly grace of Southern training, and military bearing and professional skill of almost 24 years as a Naval officer forearm the new administrator for his all-important job of helping the Commanding Officer run the largest Naval hospital in this area.

Captain Gillett is a veteran of two wars, having started his military career with the Army in World War I, when as a "buck private" medical student he was attached to the Medical School of US Army Training Corps in Iowa City. Shortly after hostilities ceased he served his internship in Memphis General Hospital in Tennessee and then did civilian practice for three years. But the lure of the Service was strong, and in October '23 he chose the Navy for his medical career and the field of orthopedics as his specialty.

Like most regular Navy men the Captain has "seen the world" ashore and afloat. Stateside it's been Portsmouth, N. H., in the North; Norfolk, Va., and Jacksonville, Fla., in the South; Keyport, Washington, and San Diego, in the West; Washington, D. C., in the East, and Great Lakes in the Center. Overseas he's had assignments in the Virgin Islands, the Philippines and China. And at sea he's served the Line aboard the battleships New York and Pennsylvania, the repair ship Vestal, the gunboat



CAPTAIN R. M. GILLETT, MC, USN

Monocacy and the cruiser Nashville.

World War II took Captain Gillett into two theaters of action. He was medical officer aboard the USS Nashville when she was on North Atlantic

patrol and convoy duty concentrating in waters around Iceland and Argentina. In the Pacific area he served on the staff of Adm. R. K. Turner with

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## Officers' Club Party Welcomes Captain Gillett, Bids 'Smooth Sailing' To Captain Robins



Two hundred officers and guests were present July 11 for cocktails, dinner, and dancing on the eve of Captain Robins' departure for USNH, Corona. Sharing the honors was Captain Gillett, incoming Executive Officer. At left above, a scene in the dining room. Greeting the guests are Captain Robins, Mrs. Robins, Mrs. Gillett, Captain Gillett, Mrs. Boone, Rear Admiral Joel T. Boone, Mrs. Broadbudd, Mrs. Owen, and Captain Broadbudd.



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## Tonic For the Soul—

There is no more stimulating tonic to the soul of a conscientious person than gracious words of appreciation, untinged with flattery. Although a doctor, nurse, corpsman or wave knows his or her profession—and knows he knows it—the human element of man reacts instinctively to smiles of satisfaction and words of unadulterated praise.

This hospital is proud of its medical and surgical record. That record has been made possible only by the union of professional and human understanding.

On the other hand, a record is a record only until it is broken. It can be maintained. Proof comes not only in actual facts established through tests and treatment but also in those "gracious" words of appreciation from the thoughtful patient.

Frequently commendatory letters cross the Commanding Officer's desk. One of the most recent came from a lieutenant-commander on inactive duty, who was admitted with the diagnosis of ulcer duodenal. Two weeks after a sub-total gastrectomy was performed he was discharged, and the next day he reported to his civilian position.

"It is strongly felt," he wrote, "that this phenomenal recovery was due mainly to the surgical skill of Captain Young and the excellent medical care and advice, food and recreation obtained at the hospital.

"Special mention should be made of the work done by the staff of Ward 60A. X-Ray, Diet Kitchen, Red Cross Hobby Shop and the following in Ward 70A: Cdr. N. E. Dobos, MC; nurses: Lt. Harris, Ens. Thompson, Ens. Kunath, Ens. Kaiser; and corpsmen: R. S. Stephens, PhM3; B. A. De Muth, HA1; D. A. Slaight, HA1; C. J. McKinney, HA2; W. C. Hagar, HA2, and G. D. Walker, HA1."

A few days later, a former veteran patient, having had his first experience in "any veterans' hospital" penned his "thanks and appreciation for the kind and efficient treatment given by the staff in Ward 60A," adding that he "could not have received better care in any hospital." Especially did he commend the services of the following: Lt. Ralph Smith, MC; nurses: Lt. Hebert and Ens. Johnson; corpsmen: R. M. Hawkins, HA1; Ed Cohen, HA1; J. P. Walters, HA1, and W. Peterson, HA1.

It is recognized that only a small number of staff personnel has been mentioned. It is also granted that many a one does an excellent job for which his only reward is his own inner feeling of satisfaction. The cited verbal bouquets, however, are merely two of many that come in the mails.

Will you—or you—or you—be the next whose professional skill, human understanding and courtesy is so marked that a patient will say in some form, "Well done"?

## Divine Services

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—E. C. Andrews  
Sunday—  
Divine Service.....1100  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
Protestant Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.  
**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—Carl Herold.  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900.  
Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.  
Confessions before all Masses.

**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.  
**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

## Red Cross Ramblings

Monday, July 14 was an evening of great activity on Ward 43A. The J.W.B. group, under the direction of Mrs. Hyman and Mrs. Silver, gave a bingo party for the patients. So many games were played, every man on the ward had an opportunity to win one or more of the prizes which were wrapped as gifts and consisted of a variety of stationery, toiletries, cigarettes, etc. Highlight of the evening came when the ladies served each man with a plate of fresh fruit and cookies—with "seconds."

Three men on the ward, Chief Fire Control Frank J. Maroney, Alfred W. Peek S1/c, and Richard L. Root S1/c, were lucky enough to have July birthdays and receive special gifts.

Another ward to have a social evening Monday night was 42A, when the Oakland and Niles Red Cross Gray Ladies spent an hour directing individual games. In process at once were cribbage, gin rummy, pinochle, hearts, Chinese checkers, straight checkers, Salvo, Yap, etc. The evening ended by the Gray Ladies serving cider, doughnuts and fruit, and Miss Margaret Deseet playing the piano.

A small birthday party was held Tuesday afternoon for John Dahl S1/c, on Ward 75B. He was presented with a mysterious white and gold package and a birthday card while his friends on the ward were treated to fresh apple cider and cookies.

Although the activities of the "Hangout" have been curtailed because the Red Cross recreation worker in charge is on vacation, we don't want you men to forget that there are certain things you can still do.

The "Hangout" is open Monday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for dance instruction by Arthur Murray dancers.

Also on Monday afternoon, Mrs. Cabrall, Oakland Gray Lady, has the photographic dark-room open for patients and staff wishing to develop their own negatives. (Did you know we have a new enlarger printing 4 x 5 negatives?) Mrs. Cabrall also supervises the Camera Club Monday nights from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and instructs and helps beginners. This service is also available to men Wednesday afternoons.

Monday evenings, Mrs. Plant, another Oakland Gray Lady, plays the piano for the regular weekly jam session. How about coming down and

## Another Chief Is Born



Chief Moon and Mrs. Moon smile proud at young Paschal Jr., born 7 July. The infant is wailing lustily, probably at sight of dad's crutch, necessary prop after Chief Sr. tried to steal home during the Manila Island Retraining Command Game on July.

## Captain Gillett

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Amphibious Forces Pacific from the beginning of attacks on the Gilberts to the capture of Okinawa. For these engagements he wears the Legion of Merit ribbon for combat duty.

In the field of administration the Captain is a veteran, too. From '42 to '43 he was Executive Officer at USNH, Portsmouth, N. H. In that capacity he greeted the first contingent of Waves to report for duty at that hospital.

For the past 14 months Captain Gillett has been Medical Officer in Command at USNH, Jacksonville, Fla.

At the end of a busy day one will find the new Exec at home in Quarters B with his wife, young son Robert Jr., and his daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Carlisle.

Date: "If you kiss me I'll scream."  
Dater: "But there's no one within hearing distance."  
Date: "Then what are you afraid of?"

joining in the fun, playing one of our numerous musical instruments and maybe making recordings of your efforts?

We have lots of interesting international stamps for all ye philatelists. Wednesday nights are stamp club gatherings. If you are interested see Miss Coleman, RC worker in charge.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

God expects the Christian Family to fulfill its mission of being a harbor of the faith. The Church depends on its cooperation in the faith's preservation and propagation. Thus, the family living up to its sublime duty, become a veritable "House of God." Parents have their "life's work" by giving their children a positive Christian education. The whole atmosphere of the family life must be one of lively faith. Here in the family from the earliest days the child breathes the air of practical faith. From the lips of the mother and the example of the father, it learns the spirit of prayer and the love and fear of God. As the child grows, it is trained—in body and soul—in the fundamentals of the faith; and as the fruit of this training, we obtain good children of God and good citizens of the country.

"Forget not the words that thy eyes have seen, and let them not go out of thy heart . . . Thou shalt teach them to thy sons and to thy grandsons—Deut. 4:9.

Carl A. Herold,  
Catholic Chaplain.



Saturday, 19 July, 1947

## J. Waldron Shows "Accent on Fun"

On 24 and 25 July at 1915, the Welfare and Recreation Department brings Jack Waldron (emcee) who believes that he holds the unique record of having entertained servicemen at every camp in the United States during three years of continuous touring. Jack, when asked for a list of his hobbies and interests, said, "Golf . . . good cigars . . . and short jumps."

With him will be Lew Hoffman (juggler) who has toured all over the nation and in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, and Danny Chang (comedy violinist) whose technique is excellent and whose straight numbers are beautifully executed. It's laughs rather than appreciated applause that he seeks; Frances McCoy, the "real McCoy," who used to be featured with Ben Bernie and his orchestra, will be the featured singer, and Dave Marco (shadowgraph entertainer), who has originated a series of color backgrounds, makes his present show full of movement, originality and comedy. The Dodd Sisters (dancers), Chuck Carolton (accordionist), Barbara Kelly (dancer), and Rex McGaugh (pianist) will complete the full program of top-flight entertainment.

A good audience will insure more good shows!

## Girls In White

There were no arrivals this week, but three nurses left to join their husbands. They are Lcdr. Gertrude Hager, Lcdr. Ruth Forsythe and Lt. (jg) Mabel Josephine Murphy.

An enjoyable outing in Redwood Park was held last Thursday by Red Cross, WAVES and Nurses. Softball and eating were the two main events of the evening. All came home tired but happy. We hope that a similar picnic may be held in the near future for those who missed out on this one.

"Why does a chicken cross the road?"

"For fowl purposes."

# Veterans Administration Directors Visit Oak Knoll



Old Army Days Are Recalled when veteran patient George Parker meets Col. J. Cross, Deputy Administrator of V.A. Branch 12, with whom he served in WW I, as V.A. Officials and Navy Medical Chiefs tour wards on informal inspection. Listening in on the reminiscences are Adm. J. P. Owen (DMO), Capt. C. A. Broadus, and Dr. Forrest G. Bell, Director V.A. Medical Service, Branch 12.

## Civil Service Job Openings

Employment opportunities in a variety of fields are open to veterans and other qualified persons, according to announcements received this week from the United States Civil Service Commission.

Complete information on how to apply, location of jobs, salaries, and other details, may be obtained by inquiring at the Civilian Personnel office, Administration Building Annex.

Closing date for applications for messenger and photographer jobs is July 29 and for occupational therapy positions, application for examination must be in by August 12. Until further notice requests for examination in the following positions will be accepted: aeronautical research scientist, chemist, clinical psychologist, electrician, engineer, psychologist, (personal counselor), mathematician, metallurgist, radio engineer, stenographer, typist, student dietitian.

## Welcome and Farewell

Welcome aboard and a pleasant cruise to Cdr. Roy William Tandy, MC, USN, who reported here from USNavDisp., Navy Dept., Washington, D.C.

Also to the following Lieutenants (junior grade) who reported here from training in civilian hospitals for their first assignment, the staff extends a hearty welcome: Raymond John Adams, Rea Kirklin Ashley, Thaddeus Frank Bak, Stanford Hartley Calin, Angelo Peter Creticos, George Marvin Ewing, Paul Vincent Hart, Robert Francis Hasl, Ray Anthony Henn, Alden Vaughan Holmes, Edward Sidney Hyman.

Richard Frank Jones, Jack Straud Kaley, William Ernest King, Albert (n) Liebman, Harry Benjamin McGee, Justin Warren McKibben, Walter Anderson McLeod, Leonard Vernon Phillips, John Roberts Pollock, William Edmund Price, Homer Fred Schroeder, Raymond Wooster Stockton, Edward Walter Dillon Norton and P. A. De Vries.

Never marry on Sunday, it's not right to gamble on the Sabbath.

In response to an invitation by the Commanding Officer two ranking officials of the Veterans Administration Branch 12 office—Colonel T. J. Cross and Dr. Forrest G. Bell—visited Oak Knoll last Monday.

Colonel Cross serves as Deputy Administrator for Branch 12, which includes all of Arizona, California, Nevada and Hawaii; and Dr. Bell is Director of VA Medical Service in the same area.

After an informal luncheon at the Officers Club the visitors in company with Admiral Owen, District Medical Officer, Captain Broadus, Captain Shupp and Mr. Clarence E. Willard, visited several veterans wards, the galley, X-Ray, Laboratory, and the station in general, thus enabling the VA officials to become acquainted with the hospital and its facilities.

## Buy • Sell • Rent

WANTED—Ride, to and from San Francisco. Contact Jack Evans, Disbursing Office.

FOR SALE—Plain band engagement and wedding rings. Box type solitaire setting, slightly over 1/4 karat, blue-white. Paid \$200. Will sell for \$175. Has had three months' wear. Contact Sparks, Transportation, (nights).

Taken by mistake from Officers' Club—Officers' raincoat. No name. Labeled "Aquasautum Assman's Omaha." Please contact Oak Leaf Office.

For Sale—Practically new Philco combination radio and phonograph. Chippendale design, complete "F M System." Seventy-five dollars less than cost. Contact Oak Leaf Office.

Lost—Plain yellow gold wedding band—size 8. No inscription. If found, return to W. T. Bond, PhM2c at the Commissary. Reward!

FOR SALE—Capital Portable Recorder. Excellent condition. \$30.00. Original cost \$55.00. See Chief Crooks at P & A.

WANTED—One or two passengers to Philadelphia. Leaving Monday, 11 August. Would like some one to assist with driving. Please telephone Extension 223; ask for Mrs. Barr.

## Enlisted Staffs Enjoy Redwood Park Picnic

Shove off Cox'n, your boat's loaded! And that is just about the way it happened last Saturday when the "Off Watch" journeyed to Redwood Canyon for a day of fun. Thanks to the Commissary and to Welfare and Recreation for the refreshments! So a word of advice to the Port Watch. It's your day today; don't miss the bus. Last week the only yelling heard was "Batter Up" or "Draw Two". Over a hundred reservations have been made, and a swell time should be had by all.

"What kind of dress did Betty wear to the party last night?"

"I don't remember—I think it was checked."

"Boy, that must have been some party."

## Hilo Hattie Teaches "Hilo Hop"



Captivated by Harry Owens' songs of the islands and captured by Hilo Hattie, R. O. Shinn, L. M. Collins, and an unidentified performer took their first hula lesson on the Oak Knoll stage recently. The boys and Hattie gave a demonstration that drew rounds of applause from the audience.



# The Oak Leaf

U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

Capt. Carl A. Broadus, MC, USN, Medical Officer in Command;  
Capt. Robert M. Gillett, MC, USN, Executive Officer.  
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## An American Institution

Each year polio strikes with deadly effect. Each year this mysterious crippling disease attacks thousands of children—killing, maiming, depriving helpless little ones of their right to a normal childhood.

Last year was no exception.

The scourge of polio struck again, claiming approximately 10,000 victims. This was the fifth consecutive year of unusually high incidence—five years in which roughly 80,000 persons have been infected with the disease. Thousands of these will require care and treatment for months—even years—to come.

What are we doing to stem this terrible tide? What CAN we do?

The MARCH OF DIMES will be held throughout the nation January 15-30. It is our opportunity to engage actively in the fight against infantile paralysis. This is the only annual fund-raising appeal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which in 1948 marks a decade of service in fighting polio with the dimes and dollars raised through the MARCH OF DIMES.

The National Foundation is your army, working in the field, fighting epidemics, bringing aid to the stricken, supplying equipment; doctors, nurses, physical therapists and other polio specialists. It assures the best available care and treatment for all, regardless of race or religion. It supports intensive research to find the cause of polio and eliminate it as a threat to our homes and our children.

The MARCH OF DIMES has become an American institution. It is our guarantee that everything possible will be done to repulse the savage onslaught of a mysterious killer.

Join in the fight. Give generously to the MARCH OF DIMES.

## Pictures On Front Page

Christmas week at Oak Knoll was highlighted by a variety of events. Pictured on the front page, top left, are members of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee as they decorated wards; top right: The Helene Hughes Dancers entertained a capacity house; center left: The Minstrel Show presented by the Lafayette Lions Club; center right: The play, "Goodbye Again," was presented by the Lafayette Play Shop; lower left: Two members of the Sing Lee Troup created a sensation with their "dive through the ring of knives" act; lower center: E. J. Murphy and G. R. Hurbase, veterans on ward 70B, had their own special tree, decorated by themselves; lower right: The famous Duncan Sisters of Hollywood kept the audience laughing with their antics and parodies. They came under the auspices of Bay Meadows, while the Helene Hughes Dancers and the Sing Lee Troup were part of the San Francisco Examiner show.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

"If I have faltered more or less  
In my great task of happiness;  
If I have moved among my race  
And shown no glorious morning face;  
If beams from happy human eyes  
Have moved me not; if morning skies  
Books, and my food, and summer rain  
Knocked on my sullen heart in vain—  
Lord, thy most pointed pleasure take,  
And stab my spirit broad awake.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Submitted by: E. C. Andrews  
Protestant Chaplain

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Twenty-five babies were born last week in the O.P.D. ward in time to bring greater joy to their parents during the holiday season. Pertinent statistics are listed below:

### December 15

CLARK, Margaret Lucille — To wife of Thomas F. Clark, Cox., NAS, Oakland. 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

McQUATTERS, Cheryl Joanne — To wife of Harry L. McQuatters, CSK, Com. Nav. Port Fac., Box 10, Navy 3913, FPO, San Francisco. 6 pounds, 7½ ounces.

GAVIOLA, Michael — To wife of Francisco Gaviola, CK1, 1458 Wallace, San Francisco. 6 pounds, 13½ ounces.

### December 16

HEIDEMANN, John M. Jr. — To wife of John M. Heidemann, SOM1, Box 33, FTC, NOB, Navy 926, FPO, San Francisco. 7 pounds, 8¼ ounces.

BAKER, Danny Lee — To wife of Leo F. Baker, S1, Barracks 19, Treasure Island. 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

NEELEY, Diane Marie — To wife of Jimmy E. Neeley, HA2, USS Tarawa, Hunter's Point, San Francisco. 5 pounds, 12¼ ounces.

TINSLEY, Frances Ann — To wife of Lee Tinsley, AMM1, VR4, Moffett Field. 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

### December 17

SHINKO, Wayne Richard — To wife of Louie L. Shinko, CBM, USS Osberg, Green Cove Springs, Florida. 9 pounds, 6¾ ounces.

SENER, Ruth Alicelia — To wife of Vance E. Sener, LCDR, VR2, NAS, Alameda. 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

JOHNSTON, John Douglas — To wife of Roy F. Johnston, Cox., MAA Force, Yerba Buena Island, San Francisco. 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

YONALLY, Janet Rae — To wife of Averill L. Yonally, SM1, USS Manatee, AO58, FPO, San Francisco. 7 pounds, 8¾ ounces.

### December 18

MAYO, Linda — To wife of Robert C. Mayo, LCDR, NAS, Alameda. 6 pounds, 4¾ ounces.

DAHLKE, Earl Everett Jr. — To wife of Earl Dahlke, BM1, NAS, Moffett Field. 5 pounds, 2 ounces.

GROUENBOOM, Dennis Duane — To wife of Orris M. Grouenboom, ACMM, VR4, NAS, Moffett Field. 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

VAUGHN, Michael — To wife of William A. Vaughn, CPHM, Hospital Corps School, San Diego. 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

WILCOX, Carol Lee — To wife of Leo D. Wilcox, CWO, EMS, Treasure Island. 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

HARTMAN, Richard Keith — To wife of Leonard W. Hartman, SGT, 100 Harrison St., San Francisco. 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

### December 19

DAVIDSON, Donna Carol — To

## Highlights Of 1947 Reviewed For Readers

Highlights on Oak Knoll events during 1947 as recorded by the Oak Leaf:

**January:** R. Adm. A. H. Dearing, MC, USN, MOINC, detached. CAPT H. E. Robins appointed temporary MOINC; USNR corpsmen made eligible for discharge; Civilian workers received meritorious service awards; March of Dimes campaign opened.

**February:** CAPT C. A. Broadus, MC, USN, new MOINC reported. Change of command ceremony held in Gendreau Circle; reception at Officers Club. Miss Marie Adams, ARC Field Director, awarded Bronze Star; 50 Gray Ladies capped in colorful ceremony.

**March:** American Red Cross drive opened; Greek Naval Medical officer attached to Oak Knoll for year's study; Bay Area WAVES given elaborate dinner and party on Treasure Island; 12 staff WAVES requested retention on active duty; 85 corpsmen advanced in rate; two Chinese nurses visited hospital; Dr. Walter W. Simpson, Director of Medical Research for Charles P. Kettering Foundation, discussed Progress in Cancer Research During the War Years; five staff members received commendations; 17 new members of Navy Nurse Corps arrived for indoctrination course.

**April:** District Medical Officer R. Adm. J. P. Owen, conducted inspection; 16 internes completed training; Navy Unit Commendation awarded four nurse corps members; water softener installed here; LT F. C. Roepke replaced LT G. H. Parker as administrative assistant; commend-

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wife of Ernest H. Davidson, ACMM, Inspection Dept., NAS, Alameda. 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

HUGHES, Terrance Bruce — To wife of Carl W. Hughes, AMM3, Personnel Dept., NAS, Alameda. 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

COMBS, Perry — To wife of Henry L. Combs, CEM, USS General A. E. Anderson, FPO, San Francisco. 7 pounds, 8¾ ounces.

### December 20

MAULDEN, Stephanie Lynn — To wife of Hoyt P. Maulden, LTJG, VF20A, NAS, Alameda. 7 pounds, 6¼ ounces.

POND, Patricia Gail — To wife of Horace E. Pond, BM1, USS Boxer, CV21, FPO, San Francisco. 9 pounds, 5½ ounces.

### December 21

THOMPSON, John Edward — To wife of Francis W. Thompson, CPHM, NSC, Oakland 6 pounds, 14¼ ounces.

GREENWALD, Jay Allen — To wife of Jacob Greenwald, 1stSGT, Pay Office, Treasure Island. 10 pounds.

MAAS, Robert Stephen — To wife of Richard K. Maas, LT, 600 Bryant, San Francisco. 10 pounds, 1 ounce.

## Divine Services

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Saturday, 26 July, 1947

## TWO CAPTAINS BOLSTER STAFF

### Captain Higgins Joins Medical Service

From Maine by way of Canadian medical training and 15 years varied Naval experience comes Captain Alton R. Higgins, MC, USN, to assist in Oak Knoll's medical service. Since the tall blonde New Englander arrived a month ago he has been busy with administrative and professional duties in his office topside the Ad Building.

Entering the Navy immediately after completing his medical training at McGill University, Toronto, in 1932, Captain Higgins began a career which has taken him into hospitals, to sea and to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

At USNH, Philadelphia, the Captain had not only his first Naval hospital duty but also his first Naval assignment. His first sea duty came with orders to report to the USS West Virginia. In 1935, he had his second hospital assignment—USNH, San Diego. Then in succession followed orders to China, the Black Hawk (AD) and the Ashville (PG), and duty with the Fourth Marines in Shanghai.

In 1940, the young medico left the Pacific and returned to the East—to USNH, Chelsea, Massachusetts. But



Capt. Alton R. Higgins, (MC) USN

having had his administrative abilities discovered by headquarters, he was sent to the Bureau of M & S, where from the fall of 1940 to 1944 he 'hit the desk' in the Planning Division, Hospitals and Ship Section. For his outstanding work in helping to design hospital ships of the Haven class he received a commendation from the Secretary of the Navy.



Capt. Anselm C. Hohn, (MC) USN

Then came the chance to serve on an AH—and to get into a theater of action. The next year he served as medical officer aboard the Tranquility when she was operating at Ulithi and later on the Magic Carpet runs. But soon the war ended, and the Captain returned to shore duty, this time to USNH, New Orleans, until

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### Captain Hohn Heads Ophthalmology Dept.

Among the more recent arrivals on the staff of the hospital is Captain Anselm C. Hohn, MC, USN, who has become the Chief of Ophthalmology. A Texan and a graduate of the Medical School at Texas U., Captain Hohn arrived here June 29th from his previous duty under instruction in Ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania.

A veteran of more than 18 years in the service, Captain Hohn entered the Navy immediately upon his graduation from Medical School in 1929. Since then his Naval career has been wide and varied. After his first duty at the Naval Hospital at San Diego, Captain Hohn served on the transport Henderson, the carrier Langley, and returned to shore duty for a year in general medicine at the Mare Island Naval Hospital. Following that duty he was one of 180 naval medical officers who served with the Civilian Conservation Corps, in which capacity he was in charge of six camps. After a year at NAS, Pensacola he attended the Army School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field in his home state. There he learned his specialty of Ophthalmology and

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## ENLISTED STAFF MEMBERS PICNIC AT SCENIC REDWOOD CANYON



"SP" Sannelle looks on as some of the finer refreshments are consumed by E. E. Ahti, PhM1c; V. E. Mondt, HA1c; R. O. McNamara, PhM3c; T. W. MacConnell, PhM2c; R. H. Bolen, HA1c; R. C. Rumel, HA1c and R. L. Johnson, HA2c.

Time Out is taken from the fine art of quaffing to indulge in an elaborate picnic lunch. The towering redwood trees provided a beautiful setting for the affair, which was heartily enjoyed by one and all.



Red Cross Ramblings

Again a Christmas has passed and we are looking forward to the New Year. Still with us are the beautiful decorations which mark the season and make this compound a real show for patients and their friends.

Each ward in the hospital was individually decorated by patients and personnel according to their ideas as to the best way to greet Santa Claus. (One question remains—did he get in through the hot air vents? We know that the reindeer must have been hiding behind the station wagon!).

Quiet rooms were brightened by the handiwork of the Junior Red Cross. They also provided nut cups and tray favors which echoed the feeling these youngsters have for Christmas. Included in the groups who worked to bring color and gaiety to patients by these small but important contributions were the Cub Scouts, Brownies (real little Girl Scouts), Camp Fire Girls, and many others.

The Red Cross brought plenty of entertainment and refreshments to the wards, not only before and on Christmas, but as it will throughout the holiday season. Those beautiful caroling groups which you heard were volunteers from many Bay Area clubs, organizations, and churches.

Our favorite Red Cross Gray Ladies preferred to spend Christmas Eve with the patients rather than with their own families. In addition to conducting various entertainment groups around and directing ward parties, they cleverly decorated gurneys with greens, colorful fruit and other good things to eat. Nurses and corpsmen also aided with ideas and help. Santa would have been sunk without them.

NOTICE

The Red Cross office that has been located in the Out-Patient Department is to be moved to the second floor of the Ship's Service building.

The Athletic Office is now located in the lobby of the Ship's Service Building. Anyone wishing to draw athletic gear may do so during the following hours: 0900-1000 and 1400-1500. Athletic gear out on custody chits must be returned the same day unless authorized for a longer period by the Recreation Officer.

The Knoll basketball team resumes play with a game against Hunter's Point the night of January 6 followed by another game 9 January against Treasure Island. Transportation will leave in front of Ship's Service at 1830.

News Highlights

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ations awarded four men in ceremony; Waves and corpsmen provided greater comfort in new living quarters; ACMA doctors held meeting at Oak Knoll.

May: Controversial "Duel in the Sun" shown here; Navy Nurse Corps celebrated 39th anniversary; 17 corpsmen arrived from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.; Oak Knoll held Open House in observance of Naval Reserve Week.

June: Premature baby, weighing 2 lbs., 2 oz., nursed to a bouncing 6 lbs., before discharge; 57 corpsmen advanced in rate; extensive repair program began here; four men received citations; eight nurses reported for indoctrination; Gray Ladies capped in ceremony.

July: Oak Knoll celebrated fifth anniversary; VA officials tour hospital; funeral services held for Dr. J. A. Duffalo, Jr.; CAPT R. M. Gillett relieved CAPT H. E. Robins as Executive Officer; enlisted staff members held jamboree at scenic Redwood Canyon; landscaping project began.

August: Brazilian Air Force flight surgeons visited Oak Knoll; Staff WAVES cruised on Bay in subchaser; four men presented awards; LCDR R. W. Price relieved LT F. Rcepke as administrative assistant; LT M. J. Millard heads welfare and recreation; Western Sea Frontier Admirals visited here; San Leandro Hospital fire resulted in a charred building.

September: LTJG B. I. Brecheisen relieved CPHAR P. E. Dias as personnel officer; 19 nurses arrived for duty; three men received CO's commendation; SECNAV Safety Award received at Oak Knoll.

October: Chinese Red Cross official visited station; Food Savings Plan inaugurated; Oak Knoll routine disrupted by daylight robbery; Officers Club held reception in honor of R. Adm. D. W. Hunt from BuMed; Staff Enlisted Recreation Center opened with informal party; Navy Day Open House held.

November: Turkish admiral visited here; Red Cross held biannual conference; six nurses arrived for indoctrination; CDR T. D. Cuttle awarded Bronze Star; MajGen K. Cheung, Chinese doctor, and Father P. McNally visited hospital; Armistice and Thanksgiving Day observed. Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee entertained by staff.

December: C. R. McKay, PHM1, received Bronze Star; 63 staff members received Good Conduct Medals; Christmas holiday festivities began.

Movie Schedule

Sunday, 28 December  
**THE FUGITIVE**  
Henry Fonda—Dolores Del Rio

Monday, 29 December  
**BREAKFAST IN HOLLYWOOD**  
Tom Brenaman—Bonita Granville  
**Fashions In Rodeo**

Tuesday, 30 December  
**I WALK ALONE**  
Lizabeth Scott—Burt Lancaster  
**Cad and Caddy**

Wednesday, 31 December  
**GLAMOUR GIRL**  
Gene Krupa & Orchestra  
**All Gummed Up**

Thursday, 1 January  
**SPIRIT OF WEST POINT**  
Felix Blanchard—Glenn Davis  
**Louis-Walcott Fight**

Friday, 2 January  
**THE SWORDSMAN**  
Larry Parks—Ellen Drew  
**Ski Demons**

Saturday, 3 January  
**MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Adolphe Menjou  
Marguerite Chapman  
**Amusin' But Confusin'**

Sports Quiz

- Three times an All-American player at Stanford, he played pro ball for the Phillips Oilers for many years. He was a Naval officer during the war. What is the name of this all-time basketball great?
- Johnny Longden, famed jockey, recently estimated his lifetime earnings. He guessed that he had made close to \$100,000; \$300,000; \$600,000; or \$1,000,000?
- Johnny Lujack won the Heisman Trophy this year, and Glenn Davis was given the award in 1946. Who took it the previous year?
- What have Billy Hitchcock, Ellis Kinder, Jack Kramer and Stan Spence in common?
- Name the oldest man ever to win the heavyweight boxing title; the youngest; the man who took it from Jack Johnson; the last who had it in the bare knuckle days?

Buy • Sell • Rent

FOR SALE — Play pen and baby buggy, good condition. Both for \$15. If interested phone Ext. 223.

FOR SALE—Maple breakfast set — extension table, four chairs, all in good condition. \$25. Call Ext. 223.

FOR SALE—Muskrat fur coat. One Red Fox Chubby. Contact Mr. Bost in Ship's Service Office.

FOR SALE—1941 Plymouth coupe. Spot and fog lights. Clean and in good condition. Price is \$1450. If interested call Ext. 153, Mrs. Norton.

WANTED—Will buy good used refrigerator at a reasonable price. Cal Mrs. Sayles at Ext. 226.

WANTED TO BUY—Singer Sewing machine. Call Ext. 243, Rita Haverlandt.

Navy Nurse Corps

Holly, mistletoe, poinsettias, evergreens, and tall trees—illuminated by multicolored lights—provided the setting for many Yuletide gatherings in N.Q. The Christmas party in Bldg. No. 24 was accentuated by the presence of Santa—with beard, white cap, boots and red cape. After distribution of gifts, Santa removed her cape and revealed another costume in Hawaiian motif.

An "open house" was held by LTJG J. Jakubiec. What with Christmas stockings full of gifts, waffles, and Yuletide cheer, a jolly time was had by all.

Birthdays were celebrated by the new class in a festive air, typical of the season, for ENS's E. Klobukowski and J. Furst.

An eggnog party was hostessed at the Officers Club by LT's M. Wolfgang and V. Kramer. A four-piece orchestra played and made the evening especially enjoyable.

Holiday reunions with their families were possible for many—LT A. Letherman, who is spending her leave in South Carolina; LT R. Todd on a twenty-one-day leave in Dearborn, Michigan; ENS P. Cruise is at home on leave prior to her departure for duty at the Dispensary on Saipan; and LTJG V. Johnson, on leave in Long Beach, Calif.

Puzzled by the resemblance of personnel in N.Q., the residents eventually found that the answer was really simple—LT L. Donohue is being visited by her sister; LTJG A. Parks by her sister; and LTJG J. Jakubiec by her sister, who is visiting here from Dallas, Texas.

"Welcomes" were extended to LT C. Smith who returned from temporary duty at the Dispensary, Hawthorne, Nevada.

LT E. M. Ellis arrived this week from USNH, Guam, for discharge. Spring semester will find her among those enrolled at Gods Bible School, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Nuptials held in the station Chapel last Saturday afternoon joined LTJG E. Hoen and LT R. S. Walter. The bride wore a powder blue suit and an orchid corsage. Her honor attendant, LTJG C. Garrett, appeared in a green suit wearing a gardenia corsage. Following the wedding, a reception was held at the Officers Club.

Commissary, OPD, and Surgeon were scenes of gay, informal, Yuletide parties, successfully staged by the departments' nurses.

ANSWERS TO SPORT QUIZ

Willard and John L. Sullivan.  
Bob Fitzsimmons, Joe Louis, Jess Good for the 48 pennant.  
Red Sox during early winter.  
All four were traded to the Boston Red Sox.  
Doc Blanchard.  
Johnny estimates that he has turned over a million dollars in his career on the ponies.  
I Hank Luisetti.

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# OAK KNOLL'S "HEADACHE DEPARTMENT" AT WORK



In the photo at left, Mrs. Sink, who has served at Oak Knoll for about four years, interviews L. W. Brewer, HA1c for information prior to preparing an HC-3 Card. In the center, E. T. Floore, PhM3c, dictates changes to be made on the detail board to R. L. Smith, HA1c. At right, Chief Pharmacist Dias mulls over problems of the personnel shortage with Chief J. M. Small.

## Personnel Office Works at Fever Pitch

"Staff Information Please" might well label the Staff Personnel Office.

The King or leader of this bunch of busy bees is Paul E. Dias, ChPhar., (HC) USN. Mr. Dias has one of the biggest headaches of the compound. With an allowance of 591 corpsmen and 529 currently on board, he just can't fill all vacancies as they arise. This is, however, expected of him by all hands requiring a man to smooth out a department. Nine chances out of ten this is why Chief J. M. Small, who has the detailing assignment,

all enlisted staff records.

It isn't a routine Navy unless there are some few people continually "griping." At least that's E. E. Keelers' view. He puts out a continuous flow of BuMed and BuPers correspondence for those people wanting transfers, changes of rating or dependency and hardship discharges.

"Hello buddy buddy! You don't have me down on the 'A List' today, do you?" or "Am I eligible for this school?" The job of taking care of these items and the daily census keeps E. T. Floore, PhM 3c pretty busy between meals.

This office functions from 0800 to 2100 daily, seven days a week. Any other time you'll have to call the Chaplain on watch.

## Port Watch Has Outing

Saturday 19 July, the port watch journeyed to Redwood Canyon for their turn at having a day of sunshine and fun.

There was a terrific ball game with unusually crooked baselines. Krauthem "stuck his neck out" by volunteering to officiate and lived through the ordeal. A volleyball game was in progress all afternoon, and the badminton court had a birdie flying over the net at all times. There were many challenges to horseshoe games and the ring of the shoe against the stake along with rhythmic pop of caps coming off the bottled refreshments made "beautiful" music. The chow was delicious and there was more than enough for everybody. (There were a lot of people Sunday morning admitting that they didn't know how to ride horses).

At the end everybody pitched in and cleaned the place up before shoving off. A swell time was had by everyone.

It is hoped that next time more wives and girl friends can come.

## New Changes Effectuated In Clothing Allowances

The initial clothing allowance for enlisted men below pay grade 1A has been increased from \$119.50 to \$124.25 while that of men in pay grades 1A and 1 has been decreased from \$250.00 to \$175.75. Quarterly maintenance allowances for all pay grades remain unchanged.

## Tricks Of His Own

(AFPS)—Robert L. Ripley, NBC's "Believe It or Not" man, has some hard-to-believe but true characteristics himself: he draws upside down; wears only bow ties; has five cars but can't drive; has visited more countries (201) than any other man, yet can't speak a foreign language; and has spent more time in China than in his New York office.

## Captain Hohn

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became a flight surgeon. After a year on the Saratoga and further duty with the First Patrol Wing at San Diego, he returned to Pensacola, where he headed the eye department and assisted in the establishment of the Naval School of Aviation Medicine.

Captain Hohn's next duty was on the staff of the Commander, Battleships, Pacific Fleet, and it was in that capacity that he was on the Maryland at Pearl Harbor. He received the Navy Unit Commendation for his work in that disaster. After a short tour as Senior Medical Officer at the Naval Air Station, Saint Louis, he returned to Honolulu to take charge of the hospital at the Barber's Point Naval Air Station. In 1944 he became Senior Medical Officer in the Marshall Islands command, and for his performance of duty in that capacity he was awarded the Bronze Star.

After nine months in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery with the Air Sea Rescue Department, he went back to sea duty on the Ticonderoga. He was on this carrier at the time of the Japanese surrender. From duty with that ship in Tokyo he returned to the Naval Air Station, San Diego, from which he was transferred in September, 1946, to the University of Pennsylvania.

Captain Hohn claims the town of Nordheim, Texas, as his home. His wife, Evelyn, is living in Coronado until he can find a suitable residence in the Oakland area. The captain is a devotee of fresh water fishing, and is willing to challenge any local anglers to a competitive day in some well stocked nearby lake.

## Buy • Sell • Rent

**WANTED**—Ride, to and from San Francisco. Contact Jack Evans, Disbursing Office.

**FOR SALE**—Plain band engagement and wedding rings. Box type solitaire setting, slightly over ¼ karat, blue-white. Paid \$200. Will sell for \$175. Has had three months' wear. Contact Sparks, Transportation, (nights).

Taken by mistake from Officers' Club—Officers' raincoat. No name. Labeled "Aquasautum Assman's Omaha." Please contact Oak Leaf Office.

**FOR SALE**—\$20.00 buys a high chair and large size crib. See Chief Kelly at the P & A Storeroom.

**LOST**—Plain yellow gold wedding band—size 8. No inscription. If found, return to W. T. Bond, PhM2c at the Commissary. Reward!

**FOUND**—Fountain pen. Owner may pick up at the Oak Leaf Office upon identification of same.

**FOR SALE**—Capital Portable Recorder. Excellent condition. \$30.00. Original cost \$55.00. See Chief Crooks at P & A.

**WANTED**—One or two passengers to Philadelphia. Leaving Monday, 11 August. Would like some one to assist with driving. Please telephone Extension 223; ask for Mrs. Barr.

## Captain Higgins

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he was offered post graduate training in internal medicine at University of Pennsylvania.

Oak Knoll is the first Naval Activity to receive the benefits of Captain Higgins' latest advanced training, and it is with alertness, vigor and understanding that he tackles the job.

He and his wife are at present 'apartmented' in Oakland, but in a short time he expects to move into his recently purchased San Leandro home, where, when he is not golfing, he can exercise in the super vegetable garden he is now yearning to get started.



Above, D. W. Rae, PhM1c, prepares transfer papers while R. A. Spates, PhM3c, receives one of the hundreds of phone calls coming into the personnel office each day.

burns an average of three packs of Phillip Morris daily.

Every Hospital Corpsman or WAVE that reports in for duty at this station must first see Mrs. Sink. She is a civil employee who has served here for about four years, and is responsible for filling out your HC-3 Card. Mrs. Sink also takes care of the HC-4, daily diary and personnel accountings.

R. A. Spates, PhM 3c, the filing expert, figures leave and commuted rations.

If you want liberty, if your name has been left off the liberty list, or you want special liberty; just dash down to Staff Personnel and ask for R. L. Smith, HA 1c.

About the only two phrases D. W. Rae, PhM 1c has to know are "Welcome Aboard" or "Good Luck". His initial job is to pick up and close out



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### Impromptu Reveille Jolts Editor

Five or six families were awakened last Saturday morning with an unusually loud noise. Ye editor rushed out of the house in order to get a scoop and much to his amazement found his car had crashed into the apartment house. So if you have noticed him with sore feet and a beat down, worn out look, it's because he is walking to work.

### Navy Disclaims Private Debt Responsibility

(SEA)—Individual indebtedness of members of the naval service is not the responsibility of the Navy Department, BuPers Circ. Ltr. 95-47 (NDB, 31 May) declared in reiterating Navy policy.

"The Department has maintained as a steadfast policy that it is not and will not be used as a collection agency. The Department has no authority to direct or control the pay of officers and men and disclaims responsibility for private indebtedness of individuals in the naval service," the letter said.

#### MORE CHIEFS

Two more chiefs reported in this week from Great Lakes. A. L. Wueb-bins, who started work in the laboratory, and H. V. Brandon, whom you probably met supervising the chow line at the commissary.



Army-Navy Baseball Game Monday, 28 July at 1400 on the local diamond.

### Oak Knoll Nine Wins 1 Loses 1

With some of the local team on leave and some recovering from injuries, the Oak Knoll Nine went into the game with the Oakland Dodgers on Saturday, 12 July, with at least a fighting heart, determined not to give up until the last out was declared. A new pitching sensation was uncovered in Thorne who, with a little more seasoning, should be able to share pitching assignments along with the other hurlers.

Although the local boys came out on the losing end of a 13-6 score, plenty of excitement was furnished. Manager Alwood said there will be some new faces in the lineup starting this week. The infield has been tightened up with the addition of some of the new doctors who just recently reported for duty. Grieter, outstanding centerfielder, has returned from emergency leave.

The Local Nine was credited with another victory when the 12 Naval District Athletic Officials awarded them a win by default. This decision came from the game on 9 July that Manager Alwood protested.

### Alnav 147 Tells Reenlistment News

In order to space more evenly the turnover of enlisted personnel of the Navy during fiscal year 1948 Alnav-147 provides opportunities for early discharge and reenlistment with attendant privileges of mustering out pay, reenlistment leave and allowances, furlough travel allowance and certain privileges under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 for men in categories described below who so request and are otherwise fully qualified and recommended for reenlistment.

Commanding officers are hereby authorized to discharge USN personnel for convenience of Government for purpose of immediate reenlistment in accordance with the following schedule:

- A. During July 1947 all men whose enlistments or enlistments as extended expire prior to 1 December 1947.
- B. During August all men whose enlistments or enlistments as extended expire during December 1947.
- C. During September all men whose enlistments or enlistments as extended expire during January 1948.
- D. During October all men whose enlistments or enlistments as extended expire during February and March 1948.
- E. During November all men whose enlistments or enlistments as extended expire during April and May 1948.
- F. During December all men whose enlistments or enlistments as extended expire during June and July 1948.

All reenlistments shall be for two, three, four or six years.

### "Ski" Gets Homer



PHOTO FINISH. Molinoski edges out ball at home after non-stop race around the bases.

### We're All Atom Bombs at Heart

(SEA)—They called him Adam. His name shoulda been "Atom"—latest scientific research shows.

Man himself is a miniature "atom bomb." Results of experiments by six scientists who tested the presence of atomic energy in human beings showed that some 150,000 radio-active carbon atoms explode with a person's body every 60 seconds.

These explosions release the equivalent of 21 billion electron volts.

Don't get worried. That's not enough to light up even a small light bulb.

My wife is just plain inconsiderate. She chased me out of the house with a rolling pin this morning. And then bawled me out when I got home from work at night because I didn't kiss her on the way out.

Under the spreading chestnut tree Is NOT the place to stack your jack! The smart guy buys his Savings Bonds—

And 4 for 3's what he gets back!

We know of a girl so ugly that if she played Lady Godiva—the horse would steal the scene.

### • Movie Schedule •

- Sunday, July 20  
"SEVEN KEYS TO BALDPATE"  
Phillip Terry-Jacqueline White
- Monday, July 21  
"TILL THE END OF TIME"  
Bob Mitchum-Dorothy McGuire
- Tuesday, July 22  
"MOSS ROSE"  
Victor Mature-Peggy Cummins
- Wednesday, July 23  
"UNDER TONTO RIM"  
Tim Holt-Nan Leslie
- Thursday, July 24  
"ODD MAN OUT"  
James Mason-Robert Newton
- Friday, July 25  
"CRY WOLF"  
Errol Flynn-Barbara Stanwyck
- Saturday, July 26  
"THE FIGHTING GUARDSMAN"  
Anita Louise-Willard Parker

### Scuttlebutt

It seems as though Thomas, MacConnell, Ward and Kinslow are being blackmailed by some one. Wonder what the details are.

A couple of good regular Navy men are going through the channels of signing over for a couple of years. We wonder if Pert, Spates, Jett, and Trest have signed on the dotted line yet?

It seems as though the key holes are at it again, as Chief Smith of the Record Office uses that as the excuse for a swollen eye.

Wanted: Someone who can make good Corn Bread for the Iowa farm-lad Mondt. He says the chow hall doesn't put out enough!

Question of the week: What "All-American" sailor with the title of Bill Duval is interested in aviation?

We see from the color of Cottrell's eyes that he must have found something interesting in the civil life beyond the gate. What's the reason for acting like a liberty-hound, Rex?

A tender-spot that is just waiting to be touched is the meaning of the word "Granny" to Peret. But the Oak Leaf assumes no obligations for damages!

Hey Ozzie! Didn't you like night-duty—or were you developing owl-eyes? Well, anyway, Osburn is back on day-duty again.

Running into that tender hunk-of-man from Central Supply, "Peanuts" Parnell, on liberty last week. Yours Truly was vastly puzzled by the limp developed. His only excuse was "horses!"

Leaves do wonders to the appearance of the corpsmen! Of course we won't mention J. A. Roger's lovely curly hair, but it looks OK, anyways.

And speaking of hair-cuts, have you noticed some of the apparitions wandering around the compound? Names have been flying—from ion-head to eight-ball—but the hair-cuts still go on.

We see that a certain PhM3 has departed on leave and left a sweet gal with the initials of Maureen with a wistful look in her eyes. She's just awaitin' for Frank!

Does anyone want a duck? We hear that Stradtman has one—ever though it has been listed in a necrology and is with its dear departed ancestors. Wonder what happened?

Monte Brinton is a mighty happy man. And who wouldn't be if his girl from home paid him a visit. Hope you have a lot more happiness with Shirley!

What with the picnic last week and the one today, the Calamine lotion will soon be in popular demand and verily, Oak Knoll's staff will be as white-washed material Moral—avoid that stuff called Poison Oak!

Any bird that makes the grade in any game of life And then hands all the credit to the helping of his wife Is either nuts or plain insane or just a broken blade Who merely says the proper thing because he is afraid.

Cook: "Did you say you wanted these eggs turned over?"

Corpsman: "Yeah—to the Museum of Natural History."





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Saturday, 2 August, 1947

## Forrestal Named National Defense Secretary

### Brazilian Air Force Flight Surgeons Visit Oak Knoll En Route To Pensacola



On a courtesy tour of the hospital on July 25, Colonel medico Benjamin Ferreira Bastos (left) and Captain Medico Fernando Rodrigues Dos Santos (right) were greeted by Captain C. A. Broaddus, medical officer in command, and Captain R. M. Gillett, executive officer. The Latin American doctors are in this country for a year's study and observation of U.S. Navy medical procedures.

Distinguished visitors on the compound on July 25 were Benjamin Ferreira Bastos, Colonel, MC, and Fernando Rodrigues Dos Santos, Captain, MC, of the Brazilian Air Force.

Both South American medicos are in this country to observe operation of hospital planes and to take the Navy Flight surgeon's course at the School of Aviation Medicine in Pensacola, Florida. The Latin doctors, trained flight surgeons in their own country, are comparing United States Navy medical procedures with those of Brazil and will take back to their associates the results of their findings.

It is interesting to note that the visiting doctors are in no way connected with the Brazilian Navy, since, beginning in 1941, that country has had three entirely separate military organizations—Army, Navy, and Air Force. Colonel Bastos' rank corresponds with that of a Navy captain, and Captain Dos Santos has the same status as a Navy lieutenant.

The doctors left Moffett Field Monday for Seattle, New York, and Pensacola. Since their arrival in California on July 1, they have also made courtesy tours of the hospitals at Corpus Christi, and San Diego, and have paid an official visit to Naval Authorities in Washington, D. C. They plan to spend a year in this country.

### Help Wanted

Anyone wishing to participate in a "Smoker" to be held at the auditorium contact Welfare and Recreation. Boxers, wrestlers, singers, musicians, magicians etc. here is a chance to display your talents.

### Limits On Overseas Parcels Increased

The Secretary of the Navy has announced that effective immediately, the limitations on Parcel Post shipments destined overseas via Fleet Post Offices increased to 70 pounds in weight and 100 inches in length and girth combined.

### Waves Go To Sea On 5th Birthday

Waves of the Twelfth Naval District went to sea Wednesday in observance of their fifth "birthday". Admiral Donald B. Beary, Commandant, arranged the four-hour cruise, on subchasers, around San Francisco Bay, for all Waves, officer and enlisted, on duty in this area.

Those able to attend from this station were Leah Goins, CPhM; Alice Johnson, SpSPS; Edna Peters, PhM1; Flora Wright, PhM1; and Agnes Zollner, SpSPS of the enlisted staff; and the following officers: Lt. (jg) Marion Cramer, Lt. Virginia Glasman, Lt. Louise Dowlen, Lt. Mildred Stickney and Lt. Christine Zubaitis.

Farrel Utt, PhM2 accompanied the group as official photographer.

Immediately following the cruise the seafaring Waves attended a banquet in the Waves Mess Hall at Treasure Island.

Highlighting the program was the presentation of World War II Victory medals to all those in attendance, by the Commandant's representative, Captain A. J. Cook, Assistant Chief of Staff, Personnel.

### First Marines To Hold Reunion

Former members of the First Marine Division in the Bay Area will hold a reunion on Thursday evening, 7 August at the Marines' Memorial Club, in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the original landing at Guadalcanal.

The reunion committee extends an invitation to attend the reunion to all officers and men of the Navy and to all former officers and men of the Navy who at any time were attached to the First Marine Division.

The program is to include an informal reception and cocktails at 6:30 p.m.; dinner at 7:30 p.m.; and an informal dance at 9:00. Official motion pictures of the Divisions' action in the Pacific will be shown.

Any such Navy personnel desiring to attend may obtain details and reservations through the Memorial Club Secretary, 609 Sutter Street, Telephone ORdway 6672.

Just after the President's signature made the National Security Act of 1947 a law he named James V. Forrestal as the first Secretary of National Defense. With this appointment Mr. Forrestal gives up his job as Secretary of the Navy, which he has held since May 19, 1944, and becomes civilian head of the combined military forces—Army, Navy, and Air Force.



SecNav. James Forrestal

Immediately upon the enactment of this law the Chief of Naval Operations issued a directive calling attention to the "Declaration of Policy" of the Act; "In enacting this legislation it is the intent of Congress to provide a comprehensive program for the future of the United States; to provide for the establishment of integrated policies and procedures for the departments, agencies, and functions of the government relating to the national security; to provide three military departments for the operation and administration of the Army, Navy (including naval aviation and the United States Marine Corps), and the Air Force, with their assigned combat and service components; to provide for their authoritative coordination and unified direction under civilian control but not to merge them; to provide for the effective strategic direction of the Armed Forces and for their operation under unified control and for their integration into an efficient team of land, naval, and air forces."

Following the above quotation the CNO commented that with the enactment of the Law "The Navy en-

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## The Peacetime Naval Reserve

Is your enlistment about to expire? Do you intend to return to school or to a civilian occupation? If so, you should give some serious thought to the significance and benefits of inactive duty in the Naval Reserve program.

Everyone knows that the present size of the Navy would be only the starting point for a remobilization in the event of imminent war. If war were to come within the next ten years, there is little doubt that most able bodied veterans of this past war would be recalled. No one wants war, but every vigilant citizen must realize that the world has not yet arrived at the Utopian spirit of peace which makes war an impossibility.

In maintaining the military preparedness of the United States, the skills which you have learned during your active service are the keystone. Modern war has reached the point where strength is measured not in numbers of men, but rather in the ability of those men to use the instruments of warfare.

All of you are qualified in some phase of activity essential to war as it was fought in 1945. But will you be qualified in the same thing for the 1955 type of war if you do not continue to use your skill, and add to it the new knowledge and techniques which science and experience will develop in the next ten years.

The Naval Reserve offers the opportunity for you to maintain and increase the skills you have attained, to maintain your value as a principal cog in the gears of military preparedness, and it offers the satisfaction that comes from knowing that you are doing your constructive part in safeguarding the ideals and institutions of the United States.

Perhaps you say you are fed up with the Navy, that you want nothing more to do with it. For many people a life in the professional military is temperamentally unappealing. But are you fed up with your country? If you do not take an active interest in its protection, how can you reasonably expect anyone else to do so?

Besides the fulfillment of your patriotic duty, beyond the training and education you can derive from active participation in the Naval Reserve program, there are many personal advantages to be gained. The pay you receive from drills and training cruises might help to buy a new car, a new wardrobe, or some other luxury you might not otherwise enjoy. Further, you have the opportunity to advance in your rating, so that your status would become increasingly responsible and remunerative. Longevity continues to accrue during inactive duty. In fact there are more sound inducements than we have room to list.

Think it over carefully! Consider all the angles! We're sure that if you do, you will decide to enroll in the Naval Reserve program when your active service is completed.

## Divine Services

<b>Protestant:</b> Chaplain—E. C. Andrews Sunday— Divine Service.....1100 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month. Protestant Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.	<b>Christian Science:</b> Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
<b>Catholic:</b> Chaplain—Carl Herold. Sunday Mass—0630, 0900. Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1. Confessions before all Masses.	<b>Jewish:</b> Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

# Red Cross Ramblings

## BICYCLE TRIPS

Did you men know that the one BIG off-compound activity the Red Cross offers this summer is the bicycle rides every Wednesday afternoon? The Red Cross Motor Corps picks up nine ambulatory patients on the steps of the Ship's Service Building at 1300 and transports them to Lake Merritt, where nine bikes are furnished. An attractive Gray Lady "escort" and the "gang" start out for a nice ride around the lake in the warm sunshine, stopping once in a while to watch the boating and other activities in the area. Later you settle down to a picnic lunch on the grass, and about 1600 the Motor Corps brings you back to the hospital. Come on down to the Red Cross Recreation Office and sign up. Ask for either Miss Coleman or Mrs. Ritchie.

## USO Sketch Artist

Mrs. Mildred Carpenter, USO sketch artist, has been appearing on the wards here for the past two weeks. She is a native of St. Louis and has been drawing likenesses of patients in military and veterans' hospitals for the past two and a half years.

## Stamp Club

All men interested in stamp collecting as a hobby are welcome to the Oak Knoll Stamp Club. See the ARC worker, Miss Leah Coleman, for details. We have a collection of albums, catalogs, and a large quantity of stamps, foreign and American, from which to choose. All materials are free and the latest in stamp literature and information is available. The Stamp Club meets every Wednesday night on various wards and is always anxious to add to its membership. Last week we had a very interesting guest, Mrs. Osgood, who has collected United States and Swedish stamps for fifteen years. Future meetings will be held in a new place, Ward 41B. Join us Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

## Ward Doings

"Tell me, do I wear feathers?" "Am I a blonde or a brunette?" "Am I alive today?" These were questions asked by Gray Lady hostesses last Tuesday on Ward 53. Each Tuesday evening these charming hostesses pour out a barrel of fun. Your ward may be next.

Mr. Burk Wilson and his Westerners didn't bring their horses Friday night, but they did bring their west-

ern spirit and music in gala show to wards 63A and 65B. "Elmer" was the comedian of the group and specialized in a four-tier harmonic which he had built himself. The "Mighty Midget Yodeler" entertained with a couple of numbers, making a gay evening for the men in the audience.

Each Thursday night Gray Lady from Oakland and Berkeley chapter come to the hospital to act as hostesses at a party in a ward having large number of bed patients. So far wards 60A and 65A have enjoyed games of skill, brainteasing, and then—refreshments.

Sunday, July 20, the Red Cross presented a small ward show. Wards 42A, 43A, and 75A. Mr. E. Normoile acted as emcee and introduced Babette, a youthful fan dancer and Barbara Johnson, pianist and songstress. Mr. Normoile, an old hand at tricks of magic, has entertained in hospitals in and out of uniform.

## Craft Shop

Do you need a new table lamp for your home? Or a wedding gift for friend? If so, the Red Cross Craft Shop holds the answer to your problem. Whether you care to work with shiny brass or wood, all you need is a little elbow grease and imagination and you can have fun turning out a real masterpiece. Veteran Patient Jack Potts from ward 65B has just completed a sharp looking pair of lighthouse lamps to fit the nautical theme of a den, and is now busy on tall brass lamp from an old fire hose nozzle on a wooden base fashioned on the lathe. Why not do something with your ideas and your spare time. Weaving, carpentry, work with plastics, and a great variety of other skill can be fully developed with the tool and materials on hand.

*To the Officers, Corpsmen and Patients of Oak Knoll Hospital I want to express my sincerest thanks and deep appreciation for the many things you did to allay the shock and subsequent hardships in the death of my husband. Your real friendship was proved in the unselfish assistance offered in various ways, and in the beautiful floral wreaths which you sent to commemorate his memory. I wish it were possible for me to thank each of you individually.*  
JANE DUFFALO

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

### STORY OF "HE LEADETH ME"

The hymn "He Leadeth Me" may be thought of as a companion in song to the Twenty-Third Psalm. The origin of the hymn dates back to 1862 when Joseph H. Gilmore, recently graduated from Seminary, was serving as substitute pastor in a Philadelphia church. For one of the evening services he had selected the Twenty-Third Psalm for his devotional talk. Starting his talk he used the words: "He Leadeth Me." He was immediately struck with their significance and beauty. Practically forgetting his prepared notes, he began to speak of God's leadership in human experience.

Later in the evening, using a pencil, he composed the hymn on the back of the unused sermon notes. He gave the words to his wife, who sent them to a publisher. It was not until three years later that Mr. Gilmore learned his hymn had been set to music and published. The first stanza follows:

He leadeth me; O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

CHAPLAIN E. C. ANDREWS, USN



# Naval Personnel Given Special Consideration On State Vehicle Laws

According to an announcement made by the Transportation Department, naval personnel on duty in the State of California are not required to have State of California "Motor Vehicle License Plates", provided they have valid license plates of their home state in which the motor vehicle is registered.

According to the same announcement, an individual of the naval service on duty in the State of California is not required to have State of California "Motor Vehicle Operator's Permit" until he or she has served 1 year of duty in the state, provided the individual possesses a valid out-of-state "motor vehicle operator's permit" and he or she is not under 21 years of age. If the individual is under 21 years of age, such individual is required to have the written consent of his or her parents or legal guardian, regardless of whether or not the individual possesses an out-of-state "motor vehicle operator's permit".

After one year of duty in the State, naval personnel are required to obtain State of California "motor vehicle operator's permits".

Note: These state regulations do not apply to naval personnel operating government-owned motor vehicles in the State of California, provided the individual possesses a valid Navy Motor Vehicle Operator's Permit (Form NavGen 53).

# Girls In White

Hay-Hoy! was the theme for the picnic given last Saturday night at Tilden Regional Park in honor of Lt. (jg) A. Hinman, who is leaving soon for TAD, Hawthorne, Nevada. The party was transported to and from the picnic atop a load of hay!

Special commendations were voted for Lt. B. Barton who stole the show with his culinary art; and for the chef whose grilled steaks were very delectable.

The evening was spent dancing under the stars to an '09 vintage phonograph and singing around the campfire. For the latter Lt. (jg) Creticos was the capable leader.

The tired, happy, bedraggled and very "hayseedy" bunch that found their way back to Oak Knoll included: Lt. (jg) Connie Hurlock, Lt. Alice Letherman, Lcdr. Betty Duwe, Lt. Bebe Gasper, Lt. Phil Lowery, Lt. (jg) Mary Kelly, Miss Claire Young, Lt. (jg) Sue Randall, Mrs. W. Mize, Lt. (jg) A. Hinman, Lt. (jg) Spencer Gedestadt, Lt. (jg) A. Creticos, Lt. Fred Roepke, Lt. (jg) W. Larsen, Lt. (jg) T. F. Bak, Lt. (jg) W. Mize, Lt. B. Barton, Ch-Pharm. Carl Gordon, Mr. Sam Barato, Mr. Grover Grady and Mr. John Grady.

Boatswain's Mate (pointing to cigarette butt on the deck) "Is that yours?"

Boat: "No, you can have it. You saw it first."

# Navy Football Team Will Train on the West Coast

The U. S. Naval Academy Varsity Football Squad will conduct its pre-season training on the West Coast this fall, it was announced today by Rear Admiral James L. Holloway, Jr., USN, Superintendent of the Naval Academy. The Naval Air Station of Whidbey Island, located about sixty miles north of Seattle, has been approved as the site.

The West Coast was selected as site for training Navy footballers since they will open their 1947 season at Berkeley, California, on September 27 in the first of a two-game series with the University of California.

It is expected that Coach Tom Hamilton will have his charges report direct to Whidbey Island on August 31 upon completion of their thirty-day leave periods after return from summer cruise.

This will be the second such venture for the football team in regard to training camp. In keeping with the precedent established last year when the squad trained at Martha's Vineyard, a staff of instructors from various academic departments will accompany the team to conduct classes for midshipmen while they are in training.

The training period will last about three weeks after which the squad will fly to Berkeley on September 25 in preparation for opener two days later. Following the California game, midshipmen will fly to the Naval Academy in time to start the academic year which opens September 29.

# U. S. Navy Will Have World's Fastest Subs

Hull, machinery and contract plans for the world's fastest combat submarines, recently authorized by Congress, are being prepared by the Navy Bureau of Ships and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The new submarines will be named the USS TANG and USS TRIGGER, honoring two famous World War II undersea fighters.

Notwithstanding radical departures from conventional hull and machinery designs there will be no change in the high standards of habitability that are typical of American submarines. Improved messing facilities and lighting fixtures will make the TANG and TRIGGER the most comfortable submarines afloat.

The two new submarines will carry to sea names which have become legendary in the history of submarine and naval warfare. The first TANG, completed in 1943, won two Presidential Unit Citations for sinking 93,824 tons of Japanese shipping. The first TRIGGER, completed in 1942, sank 86,552 tons of Japanese shipping; won one Presidential Unit Citation and one Navy Unit Citation. Both were lost in 1945.

Scheduled for completion in 1951, the TANG and TRIGGER will be the first ships of the Navy's postwar fleet. All desirable enemy and Allied wartime developments will be incorporated in their design. Final detail features, however, will not be fixed

# Knolls Lawn Areas To Get Face Lifting

Grass, you say! Sure we have grass in Gendreau Circle and a little up in the early 40 wards, but did you know that nearly the entire area east of the creek will soon be seeded with grass. Yesiree, that's right! And that isn't all. But lest you think the writer is still under the effects of ether, an explanation is in order.

Within the next two months, two contractors are scheduled to start work on the station to reduce the soil erosion problem and improve the drainage system. The need for such a project is readily evidenced by the great amount of dust in the air and the condition of the roads before reconstruction began. In order to do a bang-up job, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery has made approximately \$40,000 available for this work.

The seeding of lawn areas between buildings, now dark with the stubble of burned weeds, is but a small portion of the work to be accomplished. Many of our steep embankments are scheduled to be planted with ivy and moss; the purpose of which is to prevent the banks from caving and eroding away. At the tops of the banks and along the more gradual slopes, shrubs and vines will be added.

In order to insure that the planting serves its purpose, a sprinkling system will be installed to maintain a high moisture content in all the areas affected.

As to drainage, our culverts will be repaired, rerouted, and in some cases, riprapping will be placed in stream beds to prevent the earth from washing away during the spring rains.

# Night Prowler Visits Hospital

From the 63 wards to the Nurses' Quarters, the night prowler has been at work. He frightens nurses and WAVES, startles corpsmen as they cross the compound after a watch in the wee small hours.

Some say the nocturnal garbage collector is a mountain lion down from the hills for a midnight snack. Some think he is a huge cat, overgrown from foraging on the compound. But those who have actually met the animal face to face have identified him as a harmless racoon.

Come winter, coonskin caps may be fashionable.

until near the end of their construction in order to include developments perfected during the next few years. Both will carry new weapons and more efficient sonar equipment for detection purposes.

The TANG will be built at the Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; while the TRIGGER will be built at a private shipyard.

Corpus Gal: "Whisper something soft and sweet to me, darling."

Dapper Dan (low and tenderly): "Marshmallow fluff."

I was in the phone booth talking to my girl, but someone wanted to use the phone, so we got out.

# Scuttlebutt

Who is the last man to the chow hall every morning? We don't know his name, but his initials are R. B. REYNOLDS. Does McCONNELL have anything to do with it?

The word is going around that "HALLS" is under new ownership. Does anyone know ELLIS?

That's right. One of the commissary fellows paid \$22.00 just to ride around in a cab the other night.

This isn't scuttlebutt. Congratulations to Chief DOCKHAM and wife. The stork left them a baby girl Friday.

Thum body thed TH-MITTLY ith wearing pink thockth.

It is actually the truth. Chief SCHNELL got the "SEA WOLF" back in running order and has recommissioned it.

A message came in via carrier pigeon that the man behind the Census Desk is trying to crash 51A.

There is a "N.P." Tech. in the 73B galley that despises dishes.

LOU PROULX can really do gimmet twists and back flips. If you don't believe it, ask anyone that attended the picnic last Sunday.

JOE BUVID is really a chef of all chefs. The chow was wonderful but BUSH can have all the credit for chopping the onions.

Hey DELFAVRO! What's the easiest way in the world to catch a polar bear?

It's rumored that BLACKIE burned his dungarees and track shoes.

# Welcome and Farewell

Welcome aboard to CPhM T. J. Dinwiddie; CPhM R. E. McGinnis; CPhM P. L. Carpenter; PhM2c P. H. Myhrum and PhM3c L. R. Gandy.

Good luck in civilian life to CPhM W. C. Stewart who transferred to the Fleet Reserve; to M. D. Major, HA2c who was transferred to St. Albans as a patient. Smooth sailing to W. S. Carvelli, HA1c, H. E. Emmons, HA1c and W. J. Madden, PhM3c who were transferred for further assignment by ComWestSeaFron.

# "Ecstasy In Blue"

O, there's the indigo blue of a mal-lard's wing

And the turquoise blue of lakes in Spring.

There's a pale blue, the frail blue of iris in May

And the bold ultramarine of the sea by day.

There's the wind-washed blue of the evening light,

There's a sapphire blue—the stars at night.

There is lapis-lazuli, royal Aztec's pride,

And the spruce-blue sheen of the mountainside.

Wedgwood, Gainsborough, T'ang vases of old,

Illumed Gothic books that of Heaven told—

All these I love, but the blue that I prize

Is the strangely beautiful blue of your eyes.



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• *Movie Schedule* •

- Sunday, July 27  
"GUNFIGHTERS"  
Randolph Scott-Barbara Britton
- Monday, July 28  
"ONE HUNDRED MEN & A GIRL"  
Deanna Durbin
- Tuesday, July 29  
"RIFF RAFF"  
Pat O'Brien-Anne Jeffreys
- Wednesday, July 30  
STERLING YOUNG & HIS ORCHESTRA  
Dance
- Thursday, July 31  
"KEEPER OF THE BEES"  
Harry Davenport-Michael Duane
- Friday, August 1  
"REPEAT PERFORMANCE"  
Joan Leslie-Louis Hayward
- Saturday, August 2  
"THE CLOCK"  
Judy Garland-Robert Walker

Chief: "I wish to marry your daughter, sir."  
Dad: "Do you drink, young man?"  
Chief: "Thanks a lot, but let's settle this other thing first."

Army-Navy Baseball Game Monday, 28 July at 1400 on the local diamond.

Oak Knoll Shuts Out Hunters Point Nine

The game on Wednesday 16 July gave the Oak Knoll Nine their first shutout of the season at the expense of Hunter's Point. Kincaid, one of the local boys, was "sold" to the opposing nine when one of their players suffered an injury and they had no replacement.

The Knoll team started scoring early, and tallied in every inning. Molinoski pitched the complete game, allowing two hits and striking out eleven.

The game was called at the end of the seventh inning because the Hunters Point aggregation just didn't afford the opposition to make it an interesting contest.

Batteries:  
Oak Knoll—KRAUTHEIM catching—MOLINOSKI pitching.  
Hunters Pt.—GRANT catching—BISHOP pitching.

Manager Alwood states that with the added strength of Dr. King and the return of Greiter, Oak Knoll will have a more powerful team on the field than thus far presented this season.

Welcome and Farewell

Welcome aboard to the following Lieutenants (junior grade) who reported here from training in civilian hospitals for their first assignment: Andrew C. Bridge, Carroll M. Elmore, Robert F. Ryan, Richard S. Wilbur, and to Dominic J. Salines who reported in from the USS Gen. J. C. Breckinridge (AP-176). Also to E. A. Brewer, CPhM, E. M. Richtmyer, CPhM and J. Romono, PhM 1c.

Farewell to Lt. (jg) Albert O. Daniels, MCR, USNR who was sent to USNH, NNMCMC, Bethesda, Md. for duty under instruction in Electro-Encephalography.

Good luck to D. R. Slight, HA 1c now at the Mare Island Dental School, and to R. E. Hosier, HA 2c now in civil life after his Medical Survey. A pleasant cruise to P. H. Shedd, CPhM and C. L. Doak, PhM 3c who were transferred to Treasure Island for duty.

Cash Awaiting Salvage Party

New York (AFPS)—There's good news for the 51 officers and 829 enlisted men who were serving aboard the USS Somers and USS Omaha in 1941 when the two Naval ships apprehended and salvaged the camouflaged German freighter Odenwald.

Each of the 66 officers and men who formed the boarding and salvage party from the Omaha and Somers will receive \$3,000 and each other officer or crew member two months' pay and allowances aggregating \$124,211. In addition, the U.S. Government will receive \$72,212 for expenses and salvage.

The German freighter was sighted on Nov. 6, 1941, and was approached when she failed to answer the Navy's signal. Suspecting the thick German accent of the officers who answered the Navy's hail, officers of the Omaha and Somers ordered a boarding party.

As the party neared the Odenwald two explosions were heard within the freighter. Men from the Navy ships then neutralized a number of time bombs planted by the Germans in an effort to scuttle the ship and towed it to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Odenwald was enroute to Bordeaux from Yokohama, Japan.

Veterans Crowd 12th District Hospitals

There were 13,343 veterans in Veterans Administration hospitals; domiciliary homes and contract hospitals in the Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) on July 1, Colonel Thomas J. Cross, VA chief here, reported.

There are 11 VA hospitals in the branch area with 8,354 patients and two VA operated domiciliary homes at Los Angeles and Whipple, Arizona with 3,271 patients.

In addition there were 1,718 veteran patients occupying beds under contract to the VA in Army, Navy and civilian hospitals in the Branch area.

Colonel Cross reported that on July 1 there were no eligible veterans suffering from service-connected disabilities awaiting admission to VA hospitals.

Approximately 30 per cent of the patients in VA operated hospitals are suffering from service-connected disabilities and 70 per cent have disabilities not connected with the service.

Scuttlebutt

TOPIC OF THE WEEK. It is rumored that Molinoski is turning his talents from baseball to boxing.

Choir practice certainly developed beautiful eyes, KELLY.

It's always the record office that has to take a beating. "Hello T. MITTY. Howth the thun burn?"

Remember when you tell your story, PERRET, there are no doors at Redwood Canyon.

Instead of showing off your drivability and the scenery, you should have taken that first bus load directly to the park, MARCUS.

It took quite a bit of persuasion to keep Chief Morris from suturing "Happy" Campbells' Scratches.

Have heard of "Black Cows" (root beer and ice cream), but what do they call the concoction of beer and ice cream—you with cast-iron constitutions?

Leave it to the fun of every picnic to be without spoons. Or perhaps the beans tasted better ladled with a paper cup.

Why did Johnson and Mondt have such a conscientious special watch of the ice cans?

Who is that certain young (so I says) CPhM running around the compound trying to get out of the Navy? Stewart, your unrecognizable?

Have you seen C. K. Davidson's king size duck bumps? Could have been something you et. Eh Kenny?

Was that a H C or State picnic? The horseshoe game was certainly represented by the "Cornhuskers".

Some one told Chief Moon he was very photogenic, so he immediately acquired a job at Photographic Art. Smile for the birdie Paschal, use the old film.

Alameda Hellcats Blank Knoll Nine

On Monday, 21 July, the Alameda Hellcats gave the local nine on three hits which enabled them to whitewash the Knollites to the tune of 10 to 0. The bird dogs had men on base in every inning, but lacked the punch to get the runs across.

Quinlan went the route for the Oak Knoll team, and pitched a good game with Krautheim again behind the plate.

"Like short skirts, Mike?"  
"Naw, they get lipstick on me shoe front when I dance wit 'em."







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## V.A. Branch 12 Says "Vets. 'Write Right'"

In order to receive prompt replies to letters addressed to the Veterans Administration, veterans are urged to "write right" by fully identifying themselves.

The annual volume of mail received by VA totals more than 125,000,000 pieces, equal to the receipts of the entire city of Seattle, Washington.

The VA Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) with more than 1,500,000 veterans receive more than 14,000,000 pieces of mail during the 12 months ending 31 May.

Each piece of incoming mail requires an answer or some administrative action. With the cases of a million and a half veterans, plus thousands of dependents, in their files it is imperative that each veteran fully identify himself when writing the VA.

If the veteran observes the following simple rules he will expedite his correspondence with VA:

1. Write only when absolutely necessary.

2. When writing, include full name, Army or Navy serial number, address and C-number (if assigned one by VA), or N-number (if letter pertains to GI insurance).

Each day's mail brings some letters which defy reply. Letters are received with only the signature of "John Johnson" or "Sam Smith." There are thousands of Johnsons and Smiths in VA files.

Another letter asked VA's help in finding a wife; another veteran requested VA to help him buy candy for his retail confectioners shop and others have bared their personal problems.

## Fire Threatens Nurses Quarters



Smoke rises as fire raged in a room of the Nurses' Quarters last Saturday morning, 2 August. Inset shows damage which was estimated at \$500.00.

## Marines Trade With Sailors

Have you been looking for the Marine Detachment Office or the Property and Accounting Office? Or have you been wondering why they have all Marine personnel in the P & A office? The two departments have switched locations. P & A is now in Bldg. 133 and the Marine Detachment is in Bldg. 7.

## Hey Marine, You Gotta Wear Coat

Marine Corps officers and enlisted personnel are not authorized to appear in public places off posts and stations without the uniform coat or jacket, it was announced by AlMarCon 291444.

Exceptions will be made only in the case of enlisted men who have not been issued jackets.

## Civil Service Job Openings Announced

The District Civilian Personnel Director has announced that a vacancy is anticipated at the White Sands Proving Ground in the near future for Quartermaster, Transportation, to supervise the operation and maintenance of automotive equipment, heavy maintenance, and construction equipment. The wage rate at that station for such position is \$3972.80 per annum.

Qualified personnel who might be interested in the position should forward applications on Standard Form 57 to the Officer in Charge, U. S. Naval Unit, White Sands Proving Ground, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

There are also job openings at the Naval Supply Depot, Clearfield, Utah, for twenty radio mechanics at \$1.34 per hour. Interested employees forward application Form 57 to the Industrial Relations Officer, Naval Supply Depot, Clearfield, Utah.

Other present openings in this district are: X-Ray Laboratory Assistant SP-3, Assistant X-Ray Laboratorian SP-4, X-Ray Laboratorian SP-5 to 7, Clinical Laboratory Assistant SP-2 and 3, Assistant Clinical Laboratorian SP-4 and Clinical Laboratorian SP-5 to 8. Further information regarding these latter openings can be obtained from the Civil Personnel Office.

## Civilian Employees May Eat At Ship's Service

The Officer in Charge of the Navy Ship's Store Office, New York, has granted permission to serve civil service employees at the Ship's Service Fountain during lunch hour.

## TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT WAVES CHALLENGE SEA SICKNESS



The WAVES chalked up some sea duty on their fifth birthday, Wednesday, 30 July, when two sub chasers from the 12th Naval District took them on a cruise in the bay, under the Golden Gate Bridge and a mile out to sea. The "Salties" were oriented in shipboard procedures and the operation of various instruments.



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## Painting, Refinishing & Linoleum Projects

WE POINT WITH PRIDE is an oft-heard slogan in the Navy. It is never spoken or written without provocation. In all cases it is induced in great part by the individuals of the Navy and their pride in their units, actions, or surroundings.

We point with pride to the sorely needed facelifting painting, floor refinishing and linoleum projects now in progress in our wards and other buildings. The scars of the bustling war days when over 5,000 patients crowded our facilities daily are gradually being erased. The indelible hand prints on the bulkheads are disappearing, and the understandable gouges in the decks are being sanded away and covered.

Let us all take pride in our surroundings and preserve them while we are here. And let us not forget that the expense involved in maintaining an establishment of this type with its many temporary structures is a great one. Rigid health and morale standards must be maintained. Without a healthful, clean, happy environment, the finest of medical care will go for naught.

In order to maintain these standards, over more than \$127,000 is being spent on painting, floor finishing and the installation of linoleum alone. The two painting contracts, now in progress, involve a total outlay of more than \$82,000. Included under these contracts is the painting of **fifty-seven** building interiors, and the exteriors of more than 10,000 door and window openings and sashes. The contract for the refinishing of floors in **forty-seven** buildings was awarded in the sum of \$17,000; and it is anticipated that the work will soon include ten additional buildings. In addition more than 6,000 square yards of linoleum is scheduled to be installed by the floor covering contractor in **forty-one** buildings at a cost of \$28,000. Nearly every building on the hospital grounds will be affected by at least one of the contracts, the greater portion of which have not undergone a complete refacing since the days of construction.

Now that all of these long awaited projects are underway, let us do all in our power to maintain them in the proper way. Do not permit our pride to be shortlived.

—A. P. M.

## Divine Services

<b>Protestant:</b> Chaplain—E. C. Andrews Sunday— Divine Service.....1100 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month. Protestant Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.	<b>Christian Science:</b> Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
<b>Catholic:</b> Chaplain—Carl Herold. Sunday Mass—0630, 0900. Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1. Confessions before all Masses.	<b>Jewish:</b> Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.

## Library News

To all patients who are bedridden or unable to sit up and who would like to keep up with their reading, the library offers Projectors and Projected Book Films. Not only are book titles available, but also some issues of Field & Stream and Coronet magazines. The films are projected on the ceiling and can easily be read and enjoyed by any patient, provided he can move just one finger to push the two buttons that run the machine.

The library is most fortunate in having books of all types—mysteries, westerns, historical novels, cartoon books, nonfiction, and even some textbooks. Zane Grey, Erle Stanley Gardner, Whitney Darrow, Lloyd C. Douglas are some of the popular authors whose books are available in this convenient form.

The projecting machine for these films is simple to operate and the library will be happy to deliver one to any interested patient who is unable to sit up in bed. Ask for a listing of the titles available from the librarian the next time she is in your ward or have the nurse phone and one will be delivered to your bedside.

## U. S. Navy Reduces Officer Strength

Recently imposed budgetary restrictions require immediate action to further reduce officer strength in the U. S. Navy.

This reduction will be accomplished by separating approximately 500 reserve line officers, including a small number of WAVE officers who have been tentatively retained on active duty until 1 July 1948, plus termination of commissioned service of approximately 300 temporary line officers who in practically all cases will be members of fleet reserve or those having over thirty years' service.

In addition it will be necessary to revert approximately 200 temporary line warrant officers and ALNAV 74-47 is modified accordingly.

Volunteers for early separation in the above categories will be considered.

Due to extreme shortage of officers with electronics experience none will be reverted or separated at this time.

All officers affected by this ALNAV will be notified individually and orders will provide for completion of terminal leave by 1 October or as soon thereafter as possible.

It is expected that officers concerned will have received notification mentioned above not later than 15 August.

## Poopdeck Schedule

Monday: Lounge and darkroom open, 1300-1700. Arthur Murray Dance Instruction, 1400-1600.  
Tuesday: Lounge and darkroom open, 1300-1900.  
Wednesday: Same as above.

## Red Cross Rambling

Wednesday afternoon a station wagon full of camera fans, under the tutelage of Farrel Utt, PhM2/c, official Navy photographer, spent three hours taking camera shots of the many scenic views afforded in Redwood Canyon. Purpose of the trip was to give amateur photographers an opportunity to take their pictures under professional supervision, and in a region rich in photographic allure. Transportation was provided by Red Cross Motor Corps. Patients participating in this activity were HA 2/c Jones, F 1/c Borkovitz, PhM 3/c Ellis, MoMM 2/c Tripianno, and M. A. Berg, veteran. Also accompanying the group was Mrs. Anna Cabral, ARC Gray Lady who is in charge of the activities centering about the recreation lounge darkroom.

Many "portrait settings" intrigued both subject and fellow patients here last week. Informal sketches of many of the men, done by artist Mildred Bailey Carpenter, were made possible through the auspices of USO. Personable and talented, Mrs. Carpenter dashes off from four to six pictures a day. The original sketches are forwarded to New York, where photostatic copies are made and mailed to both patient and his family. Mrs. Carpenter was scheduled and escorted to the ward by members of the ARC Rec staff.

Beginning August 3 there will be no social work office coverage on Sunday. Miss Marie Adams, Field Director, announced this week. There will, however, be a worker standing by, who can be reached by telephone in case of emergency, by calling the Officer of the Day.

Last Tuesday evening the patients of ward 41-B were given a practical introduction to the possibilities of futuristic art via the common peanut. A contest, staged by the Red Cross Night Recreation Corps, gave the patients opportunities to create various forms of fauna and flora from peanuts-in-the-shell and straight pins. Embryo Michelangelos were uncovered in the persons of F. G. Mitchell, veteran patient, and B. J. Knoy, Y 1/c, who copped top prize for their creative efforts. "Mixer games and refreshments completed the evening's entertainment.

### James V. Forrestal

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ters upon a new and closer relationship with its sister services, the Army and the Air Force and becomes member of the large overall organization, national military establishment."

It is this "large overall organization" that Mr. Forrestal now heads. His successor as Secretary of the Navy has not yet been designated.





Chief Johnson heads main pharmacy



Chief Bosch checks narcotics.

## Prescriptions a Specialty At Oak Knoll's Pharmacy

To say that the pharmacy is essential to the welfare and maintenance of a large hospital would be an understatement.

Here at Oak Knoll, the pharmacy is a veritable beehive of industry. To prove this point, "Let's look at the record." Did you know that between 14,000 and 15,000 prescriptions are filled in an average month, or that the amount of alcohol dispensed to the various wards and departments for the same period of time is in excess of 250 gallons?

The following is a list of some of the better known items and the weekly rate at which they are dispensed: Aluminum Hydroxide Gel, 150 bottles; Multiple Vitamin Tablets, 150 bottles; Tincture of Merthiolate, 40 pints; Soft Soap, 100 lbs.; Ether for anesthesia, 150 cans; Boric Acid Powder, 100 lbs.; Penicillin, 2,000 bottles.

Few persons complete a day on the compound without in some way coming into contact with the pharmacy or its products. These products range from aspirins to narcotics, from alcohol to ointments.

It would stand to reason that a competent staff is necessary to maintain a steady flow of these vital medications. W. L. Johnson, CPhM, who is in charge of the main pharmacy, is a pharmacy and chemistry technician. He attended the U. S. Naval Medical School, Washington, D. C., in 1941. In 1942 he was an instructor at the Hospital Corps School, San Diego.

J. N. Sklinchar, PhM2/c, who sees to it that an adequate stock of supplies is on hand at all times, is also a technician in pharmacy and chemistry. He attended the U. S. Naval Medical School, Washington, D. C., in 1947.

A. Bosch, CPhM, is responsible for all narcotics, alcohol and liquors dispensed.

L. V. Lahmon, CPhM, is general supervisor, while M. K. Chew, HA1/c, G. R. Nash, PhM3/c (now on leave) and J. J. Brenner, PhM3/c, fill prescriptions and prepare supplies. Brenner has had two years' apprenticeship in pharmacy and expects to attend the Illinois College of Pharmacy upon discharge.

"Oh here's the place mother told me to stay away from—I thought we'd never find it."

Then there is the story of the mountaineer who put a silencer on his shotgun because his daughter wanted a quiet wedding.

## Liberty "Blues"

From the Staff Personnel Office this week came a notice emphasizing some uniform rules and regulations as they pertain to clothing worn in transit to and from the station.

"The wearing of dungarees or clothing of similar material is not considered or recognized as civilian dress, and the wearing of such clothing is strictly prohibited.

"Liberty uniform is DRESS BLUE B only, except for CPO's who are authorized to wear the gray or khaki uniform while traveling between their residence ashore and the hospital station.

"Staff enlisted personnel are not authorized to leave the hospital station in UNDRRESS BLUES or UNDRRESS WHITES except: (1) when on duty in an ambulance, or other government owned vehicle; (2) when on a working party detail; (3) when on a recreation party which is accompanied by an officer or a CPO.

"The foregoing regulations apply to personnel occupying quarters in Santa Cruz Village."

Further check with the Personnel Officer revealed that dungarees may be worn for horseback riding provided the individual goes to and from the station either in uniform or in socially accepted civilian clothes. Furthermore, those men living in Santa Cruz Village who are authorized to wear undress blues or undressed whites while on duty are not to wear them to and from their living quarters and the hospital station.

## Men Reenlisting May Now Select Station or Ship

Navy men who re-enlist are now able to select in most cases the location and type of ship for their new duty assignments.

In announcing the new policy Rear Admiral T. L. Sprague, U. S. Navy, Chief of Naval Personnel, said: "Now that the fighting war has been over for almost two years and the Navy is more closely approaching its normal peacetime operating schedules, I desire to place into effect certain measures which will give to a man upon re-enlisting considerably more opportunity and latitude than he now has in obtaining the type and location of duty which he desires."

Within broad limits the Navy's latest move in the field of human relations will: (a) permit a man to re-enlist under continuous service aboard any ship or at any naval activity which he may select. (b) Allow him to remain in his new ship for a stated minimum period before being eligible for transfer except at his own request and (c) safeguard the man who has recently completed an extended tour of duty beyond the seas from being returned involuntarily to overseas duty within certain time limits.

Duty beyond the seas is considered duty on a ship attached to an overseas base or on an outlying base with the exception of Hawaii and the Panama Canal.

Rear Admiral Sprague has directed that a circular letter explaining the new policy be given wide publicity and that all officers read and understand it in order to familiarize themselves with the privileges and advantages it offers enlisted personnel. He explained that although fleet operating schedules might bring about instances where departures from the requirements of the letter must be made, these exceptions will be negligible in number if all hands do their utmost to meet in good faith the conditions as outlined herein.

If all the college boys who sleep in class were placed end to end, they would become more comfortable.

Since the advent of the car, man kind is being rapidly divided into two classes—the quick and the dead.



J. N. Sklinchar draws penicillin.



J. J. Brenner measures a solution.

## Recreation Seeks Talent For Smoker & Basketball

Oak Knoll is going to sponsor two basketball teams this year. So all you guys and gals (yes, there is going to be a girls' team) wishing to participate, turn your names in to the Welfare and Recreation Office. Doctors, Nurses, Corpsmen, and WAVE's—get down and sign up. The bigger the turnout the better the team.

Chief Alwood sends out his second plea for boxers, wrestlers or any kind of talent that can be used in OAK KNOLL'S BIG SMOKER. A small number of patients and staff have already volunteered their talents but the number is very small compared to the number of would-be celebrities floating around the compound.



M. K. Chew fills prescriptions for wards.



G. K. Nash prepares a mixture.



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Centerfielder



Gilbert R. Greiter

One of the stalwarts that made the Oak Knoll team a better than average club this year is Gilbert Ronald Greiter, HA 1c, now on duty in Staff Personnel.

Quite a ball player before entering the Navy, Greiter's talents not only lean to the baseball diamond but also turn to the hardwood of the basketball court.

The snagging center calls Morton, Washington his home, and while there played four years of high school baseball, being with the club when it took the Southwest Washington Championship. After completing his tour of high school, Gil played one year of Semi-Pro ball with the town team of Morton.

Desiring to see a bit more of the country, Gilbert joined the Navy in June of 1946 and was sent to San Diego for Hospital Corps Training. After completing boots he was transferred to USNH, Treasure Island before coming to USNH, Oakland in February of this year.

Greiter's baseball playing position had been catching until he came here, but because of a beautiful throwing arm he was transformed into an outfielder and now plays center field for the Oak Knoll Nine.

Marriage is a wonderful institution, if you like institutions.



Bruce Krautheim the Oak Knoll catcher didn't touch this pitch. A Hamilton Field player rapt out another hit which helped put the Knollites on the short end of a 18 to 9 score.

Army Sinks Navy

Manager Alwood is feeling mighty low these days. He has sent his team on the field twice within four days against the "doggies" from Hamilton Field and gone down in defeat both times. His boys were on their toes and trying hard but couldn't find the necessary stuff to halt the powerful soldiers.

In Friday's game on the 25th Oak Knoll started off fast by scoring three runs in the first inning. Their chances were good to upset the Army team, but due to some very erratic playing, the Knollites came out on the short end of an 18 to 9 score.

Molinoski started on the mound for the Knoll team, but was felled by a line drive in the fifth inning and was replaced by Liggett who finished the game. Moon proved to be the power with the bat when he slammed a long home run in the eighth inning of play, but it wasn't enough to spark the Knoll nine to a victory.

Monday of this week the local nine were again scuttled by those flying dough boys from the air strip at Hamilton Field. The hospital boys knocked King out of the box in the 4th by driving in 6 runs. Adler then took the mound and brought the rally to a screeching halt. Oak Knoll chalked up another run in the eighth but ended up on the short end of a 12 to 7 final score. Liggett went the whole way for the hospital team,

Buy • Sell • Rent

FOR SALE—Plain band engagement and wedding rings. Box type solitaire setting, slightly over ¼ karat blue-white. Paid \$200. Will sell for \$175. Has had three months' wear. Contact Sparks, Transportation (nights).

Taken by mistake from Officers' Club—Officers' raincoat. No name. Labeled "Aquasutum Assman Omaha." Please contact Oak Leaf Office.

FOR SALE—\$20.00 buys a high chair and large size crib. See Chief Keel at the P & A Storeroom.

FOUND—Fountain pen. Owner may pick up at the Oak Leaf Office upon identification of same.

FOR SALE—Capital Portable Recorder. Excellent condition. \$30.00. Original cost \$55.00. See Chief Crooks at P & A.

WANTED—One or two passengers to Philadelphia. Leaving Monday, 11 August. Would like some one to assist with driving. Please telephone Extension 223; ask for Mr. Barr.

FOR SALE—Wedding and engagement ring set. Paid \$300.00. Will sell for \$150.00. Sgt. Kilgore, War 60B.

while King, Adler and Offut share the honors for Hamilton Field.

• Movie Schedule •

Sunday, 3 August  
"PACIFIC ADVENTURE"  
Ron Randell-Muriel Steinbeck

Monday, 4 August  
"HEARTBEAT"  
Ginger Rogers-Adolph Menjou

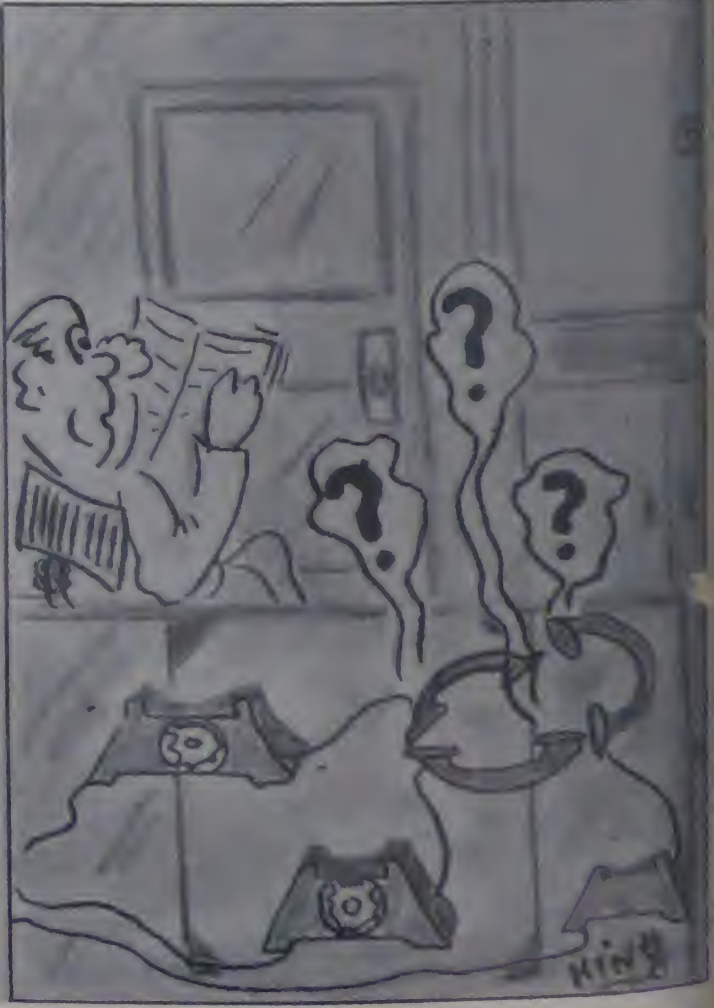
Tuesday, 5 August  
"BRUTE FORCE"  
Burt Lancaster-Hume Cronyn

Wednesday, 6 August  
"SARGE GOES TO COLLEGE"  
Alan Hale Jr.-June Preisser

Thursday, 7 August  
"GREAT WALTZ"  
Luise Rainer-Fernand Gravet

Friday, 8 August  
"GREAT EXPECTATIONS"  
John Mills-Valerie Hobson

Saturday, 9 August  
"SON OF LASSIE"  
Lassie







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## Patients Turn Lawn Areas Into Gardens De Luxe

Any day is Inspection Day around wards 66A & B; 46 A & B; and 65A & B. A new experiment has worked, and patients on these wards are proud to show the public the results of their initiative and industry.

That Navy officers know more than hulls, sextants, gyros and guns has been proved by commodores, captains, lieutenants and warrants on 66A & B. Gardeners par excellence they have turned out to be.

The story starts way back in April when the ARC recreation worker, Miss Olga Skeehan, asked the Ward Medical Doctor, Cdr. T. D. Cuttle, to suggest forms of recreation for patients on his wards.

"Have them make a flower garden. Sure! What better recreation could you want?"

Gardening it was, too, for immediately the ambulatory patients took to the idea. Nautically minded as Navy men are, these officers at once decided on a "forward" garden and an "after" garden, with each one having a division officer or head gardener. Then just in case their personnel should get "orders," a relief was to be appointed "to carry on."

Chief Pay Clerk C. L. Duke has been division officer for the forward garden from the start. There are beds resplendent in rich blooms—chrysanthemums, zinnias, snapdragons, carnations, etc. Surrounding the grassy lawn (and patients sowed the grass seed too) are healthy, flowering species of daisies, scarlet sage and geraniums. Particularly active gardeners in this project included Commodore T. A. Durham and Commodore J. W. Landregan.

At present Chief Boatswain T. W. Lloyd is in control of the after garden, having relieved Lt. (jg) F. T. Trochi, now on convalescent leave. The latter relieved Captain C. C. Seabury, the man who cut the grass and started the "replanting of lawn campaign." Others giving valuable assistance in arranging an artistic rock garden (abloom with asters, lupin, dwarf marigolds, etc.) and preparing flower beds and borders with plants and herbs include Captain Mike Moran and Lt. (jg) John Burke. Incidentally, Mrs. Politis of the California Herb Society aided the men in "procurement" of their seeds and plants, especially chives, basil, celery and parsley.

### 46A & B Adopt Idea

Taking a cue from their neighbors across the way, men on 46A & B called for spades, hoes and rakes.

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GARDENS SPRING UP AS PATIENTS TURN TO. At the left CPClk C. L. Duke sprays one of the flower beds in the "forward" garden of 66A & B as Cdr. Cuttle, WMO, points out a favorite blossom. (2) Top center, Chief Boatswain T. W. Lloyd loosens the soil in Ward 66 "after" garden. (3) A formal garden laid out and seeded between 65A & B shows CCS Vernon Erickson and William Doescher, Army veteran, adding the last touches. (4) Bottom, Sidney Hunt, CBM(Ret.) does a weeding job along the flower-bordered walk to 45A & B.

### Sub TIRU To Be Launched After 3 Years on Ways

The submarine TIRU, after more than three years on the shipbuilding ways during which time she was being built in spasmodic spurts, will be launched next month at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. The TIRU is the last of the Navy's ships to be built on the wartime program at Mare Island.

Her keel laid on April 17, 1944, the TIRU was originally scheduled for launching in November of the same year. The schedule was slowed however, because of the cut-back in the submarine building program toward the end of the war.

At the end of hostilities, the TIRU, and another submarine, the WAHOO II were on the building ways. The WAHOO II was scrapped; but the TIRU was too far along toward completion to receive a similar fate.

In February, 1946, the Bureau of Ships directed that the TIRU be launched, accepted, and laid up in an incomplete state. However, the work again was stopped because the heavy demands of the inactivation program—laying up ships for the "moth-ball" fleet—fully employed the shipyard at the time.

### Attention!!! Staff Officers' Wives

"A meeting of all Staff Officers' wives will be held at the Officers' Club at 2:00 PM., Thursday, September 4th. This is a wonderful opportunity for all wives of officers to become acquainted, to work together, and to play together. We need you all so be sure to place this meeting on your 'must' list for September. There will be a baby sitter for your kiddies."

Now, in response to a new directive from the Bureau of Ships, work on the TIRU has been resumed. It is expected that she will not only be launched but commissioned and placed in an active status.

The Navy Department has designated Mrs. John P. Cromwell of Palo Alto as the sponsor for the new submarine. She is the widow of the late Captain Cromwell—submarine "wolf pack" commander who chose to go down with the submarine SCULPIN off Truk Island, in 1944, rather than be captured and chance revealing plans for future war operations with which he was familiar.

### Advance Information On Voting In New York

"The Division for Servicemen's Voting, the official agency for handling the servicemen's votes for the State of New York, advises that applications either in the form of post cards prepared by it, or by the Federal Government, or any other writing wherein the serviceman signs his name, home residence address by street and number, city, town, and county, and the military address, may obtain a ballot if he is otherwise qualified to vote, by sending an application to the Division for Servicemen's Voting, Secretary of State of New York, Albany 1, New York, or to the board of elections of his home county of residence. The post card application may be obtained by writing to the Division for Servicemen's Voting, Secretary of State of New York, Albany 1, New York or to the Servicemen's local board of elections of his home county of residence.

"The application should be mailed so as to be received by the Division for Servicemen's Voting, Secretary of State of New York, Albany 1, New York, not later than 15 October 1947.

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## Preparedness — The Key to Safety

It has been noted quite frequently in the past that the wooden construction of Oak Knoll buildings and the hilly terrain do not detract from the ever present menace of fire.

Only last Saturday a fire started, which, had it not been for the alertness of the fire fighters, could have caused general destruction and possible loss of life.

On this station the "possible loss of life" resulting from a major fire disaster is a dominant problem. We have a large number of bed patients, some of whom are on the serious and critical lists. The O.P.D. wards are full of women and children, including a large number of infants. It should therefore, be obvious to everyone that there is a definite need for extreme caution in any situation which might create a fire trap.

The maintenance department is on the job, constantly looking for any evidence of defective wiring, faulty storage of inflammables and, in conjunction with the fire department, "eyeing" the dry grass situation. Each of us as individuals must do his part, too.

Receptacles for cigarette butts and matches are located at points convenient to everyone. Use them! There is no excuse for carelessly tossed, half extinguished cigarettes. In the barracks there are ash trays. Use them! And remember this: the most careful "bed smoker" sometimes finds his mattress smoldering, or his blanket charred in spots. Oily shoe rags, cleaning fluids, even the deck swab if oily and not stowed properly, may be the source of spontaneous combustion.

There is a newly published "Fire Bill." Have you read it? Do you understand it? Where is your station? Do you get there as soon as possible when you hear the alarm? Are you individually prepared for any emergency that may arise? There is no substitute for alertness and preparedness!

To be prepared is to have the key to safety!

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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In the order of things, mankind's tomorrow is foreshadowed by youth of today. Youth has not the value of the fruit, but it does have the importance of the seed. As such, it is necessary to preserve and increase its spiritual health, to prepare it for its task and ultimate destination. Here, the parents and the school and even the general public have a great task. They will find the true norm in the experience and wisdom of the church, the preserver and teacher of the faith.

Youth, to be prepared for its future mission, stands in need of ideals. No loftier and greater ideals can be found than those in the domain of faith. No better training, for the character of the future leaders and builders of a nation can be had, than the rules established by practical faith.

"All thy children shall be taught of the Lord: and great shall be the peace of thy children."—Is. 54:13. The primary purpose of marriage, of establishing a home, is not only the propagation of children but the education of those children. It should be the proud and pleasant duty of parents to teach their children to live in peace with their God, with their fellow man, and with their own conscience.

—FATHER HEROLD, Catholic Chaplain

## Red Cross Ramblings

"Step right up, ladies and gentlemen . . . get your Bingo cards here! Every number a lucky number . . . every time somebody wins!" The spirit of Bingo strayed from the limbo of County Fairs, Church Bazaars and the carnival midway to the naval hospital last week, with games run by the ladies of the Jewish Welfare Board Monday night on Ward 75-A, and by the Richmond Ladies Bingo Group Friday afternoon on Ward 71-B. Prizes were provided by the groups running the games.

Station O-K-N-H went on the air for the first time July 31 from an improvised sound stage set up in Ward 62-A . . . all in the spirit of fun and fancy, of course. "Brooklyn" Parker got the program rolling with his unique "commercials," followed by a short summary of the local horse racing news. Patients McKenzie and Higley starred in a short skit to the amusement and entertainment of fellow patients.

Horse racing seems to be in the air this week . . . mock races were staged in Wards 63 and 65, with patient jockeys obligingly cantering from bed to bed as the numbers on the dice dictated. Bets were placed with ward "bookies" and bettors on winning horses were often paid off three and four to one . . . in bogus money, of course . . . but the prizes purchased with the counterfeit cash were quite tangible.

A model building contest is well on the way in Wards 61-A and 61-B. Materials are furnished by the Red Cross Craft Shop, and at the end of a two-week period, an exhibit of models will be held. A ward party will be awarded the patient submitting the winning entry. Models under construction include jeeps, PT boats, planes and trucks of varying sizes and descriptions.

Photographic enlarging and how it grows was the topic of the last Camera Club meeting at the Red Cross Recreation Lounge Wednesday evening. The guest speaker was Mr. Sam Woody of the Oakland Camera Club. After a short talk on the basic principles of enlarging, Mr. Woody staged a practical demonstration of the enlarging process, using actual equipment, including the big new Printex enlarger recently acquired by the darkroom.

Plans were discussed for another field trip to scenic spots in the Bay Area next week, using Red Cross Motor Corps transportation. Persons interested in this trip, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, 13 August, are urged to sign up with Camera

## Girls In White

Welcome Aboard: Lt. (jg) Isabel C. Kiehl, NC, USN. Miss Kiehl has just returned from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, where she has completed a course in Anesthesia. The Operating Room has been awaiting her arrival.

Farewell: Lt. Mary J. Murphy, NC, USN. Miss Murphy was detached to U. S. Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Florida, for duty.

There was a hot time in the Nurses' Quarters last Saturday morning. The inspection party was held up for 15 minutes while all hands "turned out" to save the Nurses' Quarters. Thanks to the efficient Fire Department corpsmen, and officers, including our Captains, we had a place to sleep last Saturday night.

My scouts inform me that three of the Girls in White had quite an exciting trip over Tioga Pass and to the High Sierras last weekend under a full moon. Glad to see you back so soon, Alta.

Watch for the New Oldsmobile with the Raccoon Tail.

## Welcome and Farewells

A hearty welcome to the following men who reported in from U.S.N.H. Mare Island: Bole, C. G., HA1; Buchner, W. A., HA2; Caster, J. D., HA1; Chapman, J. A., HA2; Dittbrenner, "J." R., HA2; Dodge, J. M., HA1; Done, R. P., HA1; Henderson, B. I., HA2; Janzito, R. G., HA1; Kinnear, W. G., HA2; McCullough, C. A., HA1; Mraunie, C. R., HA1; Mullarkey, F. J., HA1; Pace, W. S., HA2; Phillips, J. D., Jr., HA2; Scott, T. N., HA1; Steward, C. C., HA2; Westervelt, A., HA2; and Givvs, P. L., HA1.

Farewell to Carvelli, W. S., HA1; Falley, M. D., CPhM; Kisner, R. D., PhM3; Antonellis, D., S2; and Hiltz, J. F., S2.

## Thanks

I wish to express my gratitude to the staff personnel and the Station Fire Department personnel for their assistance in saving my personal possessions during the fire which occurred on Saturday morning, 2 August, 1947 in my room at the Nurses Quarters, Bldg. 123.

Constance Hurlock  
Lt. (jg), NC, USN

Club Prexy Bob Borkovitz at our either by calling the Red Cross Craft Shop or Ward 62-B.

## Divine Services

Protestant:  
Chaplain—E. C. Andrews  
Sunday—  
Divine Service..... 1100  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
Protestant Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:  
Chaplain—Carl Herold,  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900,  
Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.  
Confessions before all Masses.

Christian Science:  
Worker will be on the compound grounds Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:  
Divine Service—Transportation leaves the Administration Bldg. every Friday at 10:00 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain's Office at extension 184 to arrange for transportation.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.



# SEA GOING SOLDIERS DRY DOCKED AT OAK KNOLL



Lt. Hall listens to Pfc. J. R. Vaughn's troubles.

## Marines Fight Battle To Beat Paper Work

Those fighting Marines somehow never get out of the limelight. They may get "down" in numbers, but wherever there is one Marine he'll be there pitching—and winning whatever "battles" he is fighting.

At the present time five are holding a beach head here at Oak Knoll. Instead of singing the ever popular Marine Hymn it's rumored that their vocal efforts are bent toward the "Blues."

Where there used to be 5 companies totaling 85 men; there are now only 5 men—hardly a skeleton crew; but the duties of this group are manifold.

Ministering to the immediate needs of all Marine patients at Oak Knoll is the primary concern of the detachment. With a present patient load of 80 aboard—officers and enlisted combined, there is very little time for relaxation in the building office.

It's "Lt. Hall, my field scarf and blouse are missing." Or "Hey Sarg., how do I go about getting a new clothing issue." "Can I draw special pay? My pay accounts haven't caught up with me yet."

These are just a few of the many questions and problems righted by the sea-going soldiers dry docked at this hospital.

In their office the Special Money



Master Sgt. Ellis gets some information on the phone.

Requisition is made out and then submitted to the Disbursing Office at the Depot of Supplies at San Francisco. There money is given to the Marine C.O. who brings it back and pays all Marine personnel on this base.



Pfc. Trammel takes a breather.

Daily change sheets are a major detail in themselves. All joiners and transfers must be logged and this report submitted to Marine Headquarters daily. A monthly recapitulation of daily change sheets is also made and sent in on the end of each month in the form of a Muster Roll.

Another duty of the detachment is to allocate some "up patient" for daily "MP" duty on the compound. His duties are to make sure that marine personnel are complying to uniform regulations.

Lt. R. M. Hall commands the detachment. He hails from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he attended Milwaukee State Teachers' College, majoring in History and Education. His hobby used to be training German Shepherd dogs, but his wife presented him with a daughter 2 months ago and he's torn between two loves since then. When he isn't on duty at the base or taking care of the baby, one can see him exercising Lady and Major—his two German Shepherds.

The Non-commissioned Officer in charge of administration is Master Sgt. W. E. Ellis of Albany, California. His home and his affiliation with the American Legion take up most of his off duty hours.

The duties of Company First Ser-

## Gardens De Luxe

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Now their story is revealed by concrete evidence — green lawns and colorful borders.

Here both the Marine Corps and the Navy engage in shore-based operations. On 46A Travis Vincent, CY (Ret) and Fred Hast, MSgt., USMC, have taken the lead, while on 46B Sidney Hunt, CBM(Ret) and Lance Utt, Marine Corps veteran, have demonstrated that they have "green thumbs."

### Go "Formal"

Just this week patients on 65A & B have completed a blueprint job on their surroundings. Here the Army joined with the Navy when William Doescher, veteran of World War I; Vernon Erickson, CCS; George Maddox, CMM; and H. J. Bilbrey, S1c, launched their project. Between the wards a formal garden shows what master workmen can do—stone bordered flower beds on a leveled lawn freshly sown with grass seed, and a flagstone entrance dividing large areas with new plants on the grow. Alongside 66B Chief Erickson and Mr. Doescher have done a job of terracing and subsequent planting comparable to that of professional gardeners. 'Tis said that the interest here is so pronounced that these men hit the deck at 0600 to water their lawns.

### C.O. Commends

To the men in these wards the Commanding Officer has awarded verbal commendations for "meritorious achievement over and beyond the call of duty." Furthermore, in praising these men for a job well done, he expresses a wish that other patients, wherever possible, adopt a similar program:

"This is the best example of recreation, therapy and morale building all rolled into one I have ever seen.

## Scuttlebutt

Better get over that shyness with women, TURNER. The next phone call may be a little more serious.

Someone must have given CARLEW a super "hotfoot". He's been jumping around like a scared rabbit. 'Course those 13 days, 3 hours and 25 minutes might have something to do with it.

DILBECK'S favorite song these days is "Troubles Hangin' Round My Door".

A little birdie, (with skirt and high heels), tells us that BLACK'S shipping out to Brazil. Does the Navy know yet, BLACKIE??

"Keep the O.P.A. away," say WASHOM and ELLIS as they hord their newly acquired fortune.

Betcha WRIGHT avoids beaches for awhile. The last one almost led to matrimony.

If you want to please MOORE, just call him "sheriff".

Poor COTTRELL—The old wolf plastered the inside of his locker door with phone numbers just in time to greet the arrival of the new phone directories loaded with new numbers.

Not only have the men helped themselves, but they have also brought valuable improvement to the station itself.

"To all other wards wishing to carry out a similar program, I promise my whole-hearted support. Whatever is needed — tools, seeds, plants — even installation of a sprinkler system — I'll guarantee. Speak to the Ward Medical Officer today and ask him to submit a request for whatever is needed directly to me."



Master Sgt. Mimmack and Pfc. Davidson are making up the SMR.

geant fall on M/Sgt. L. M. Mimmack. This Albany, New York, lad was on duty at Oak Knoll when it was commissioned. He then went on a tour of sea duty and reported back here to carry on where he left off.

Mimmack's hobby also pertains to dogs. However, he carves them instead of trains them.

Pfc. E. J. Davidson is the Personnel Clerk and Pfc. T. G. Trammel is Pay Clerk



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FOR SALE—Plain band engagement and wedding rings. Box type solitaire setting, slightly over 1/4 karat, blue-white. Paid \$200. Will sell for \$175. Has had three months' wear. Contact Sparks, Transportation, (nights).

Taken by mistake from Officers' Club—Officers' raincoat. No name. Labeled "Aquasautum Assman's Omaha." Please contact Oak Leaf Office.

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KNOLL NINE NEWS

The Knollites entertain Camp Knight today on the local diamond at 1400. The "doggies" are reputed to have a fast, well balanced team which indicates an interesting afternoon for those who attend.

Three games are listed for next week. On Sunday, 10 August, the boys travel to Y.B.I. Wednesday, 13 August, finds the team on the road again, this time returning the visit of Camp Knight, while next Sunday, 17 August, the Bank of America nine invades Oak Knoll.

Knoll Nine Takes Drubbing

The Oak Knoll nine revisited the Retraining Command at Mare Island Saturday, 2 August, to play a return game with the Retraitees there.

The Knollites started the scoring with two unearned runs in the fifth inning when the Retraitees' catcher overthrew third base. They tallied with two more runs in the sixth on Molinoski's single. The rally stopped short and the local nine was held scoreless for the remainder of the game.

The Retraining Command was held scoreless until the seventh inning when they tallied with one run. Things still looked rosy for the Knoll team, but in the eighth inning the Mare Island boys bunched their hits and scored four more runs to complete the scoring of the game.

It was a hard-fought game throughout with Oak Knoll making only one error.

Molinoski pitched the complete game allowing six hits while striking out nine. Final score Oak Knoll 4; Retraitees 5.

• Movie Schedule •

Sunday, 10 August
"DESERT FURY"
Lisabeth Scott — John Hodiak
Monday, 11 August
"VALLEY OF DECISION"
Gregory Peck — Greer Garson
Tuesday, 12 August
"KILROY WAS HERE"
Jackie Cooper — Jackie Coogan
Wednesday, 13 August
"NEWS HOUNDS"
Leo Gorcey — Christine McIntyre
Thursday, 14 August
"WESTERN UNION"
Robert Young — Randolph Scott
Friday, 15 August
"LONG NIGHT"
Henry Fonda — Barbara Bel Geddes
Saturday, 16 August
"THE STRANGER"
Orson Welles — Loretta Young

MAA during roll-call: "Brown".  
Voice from the ranks: "Here!"  
MAA: "I don't see Brown. Who answered for Him?"  
Voice: "I did. I thought you called my name."  
MAA: "What's your name?"  
Voice: "Stenoptkowski!"

Enlisted Personnel Dance to Music of Sterling Young



A Gala Evening took place last Wednesday evening, 30 July, when Sterling Young and orchestra played for the enlisted personnel's dance. Beautiful girls provided the stags were from the Oakland YWCA, the Oakland AWVS and a group brought by Mrs. Geary from El Cerrito.

Scuttlebutt

Wonder if DYE's two women have met yet. Got a hunch he'll be "Dyed" two other colors when it happens.

What corpsman in the Eye Clinic does more staring than swimming at the pool?

Note to WALCOTT: How about forgetting about BETTY until the season is over?

We hear that NORTON'S been making "Kisstory" with a local chick named GLADYS.

Poor KROHN. Seems he's been having the "Prospect Park Blues" lately. Wonder why?

LORCH is really down in the dumps. Something terrible's going to happen near the end of the month. Ask him about it.

We hear from a very reliable source that the Laundry's MORRIS plans to take the fatal step in the near future. Could be. Must be some reason why he hasn't drawn his pay for over a month.

And then there's JOE GUERRA complaining of hearing things. Do they sound like the "Maracas" of the Club Sinoloa, JOE?

Have any of you patient's been missing a wheel chair? If so, see PERRET. He may be able to help you.

Is there anything to the story that HIRDT is planning to write a book on poker? Lucky Boy.

Pity poor GOODBY. He's the first man in history to get a banged up nose while posing for a picture. Then to make matters worse, he received his first tattoo.

Knock, Knock, MAC CONNELL. Next time she makes love to you, tell her not to use her shoe. It's hard on shirts.

Must be the peacetime Navy. JOE GURULE got the afternoon off to buy his wife a dog.

Ten Dollars!!! Hey BOND, Buy Bonds.

Wife: Did you see those soldiers staring at that Wave when she got off the bus?

Sailor: What soldiers?

World War II Service For Veteran Benefit Halted July 25, 1947

July 25, 1947, has been established by the United States Senate and President as the final day which may be counted by service men and women as service during World War in establishing eligibility for important war veteran's benefits.

The Veterans Administration reports that for purposes of education and training, loan guarantees and readjustment allowances under the G.I. Bill, and for vocational rehabilitation of disabled veterans under Public Law 16, the period considered for war service thus becomes September 16, 1940, through July 25, 1947.

Persons entering service after July 25, 1947, will not become eligible for G.I. Bill benefits and any compensation or pension awarded such veterans and their dependents as a result of their service will be paid at lower peacetime rates, instead of higher war rates.

In order to be eligible for benefits under the G.I. Bill a veteran must have served at least 90 days on active duty at any time during the period of September 16, 1940, through July 25, 1947 and subsequently discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Veterans with less than 90 days service who were discharged for service-incurred disabilities are also eligible under Public Law 16.

July 25 also becomes the date from which the following statutory limitations will be figured:

1. G.I. Bill education or training must be started within four years of that date or date of discharge, whichever is later, and the program ends in nine years.
2. All Public Law 16 training ends in nine years from July 25.
3. G.I. loan guarantees remain available for 10 years after July 25.
4. Readjustment allowances may be claimed until two years after July 25 or date of discharge, whichever is later and the program ends five years from July 25.





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Saturday, 23 August, 1947

## M. J. Millard Heads Welfare and Rec.

Oak Knoll has a new Welfare and Recreation Officer with the arrival of M. J. Millard, LTJG, HC, who reported here for duty on Friday, 15 August from the USS Haven. Mr. Millard replaces Mr. Taylor who recently left for Guam to serve in a like capacity for three hospitals on that island.

Mr. Millard has had a lengthy and varied naval career. He joined the Navy 10 May, 1927 and received his boot training at San Diego. The next three months found him at Corps School, Mare Island. Immediately after graduation there, he was assigned to the staff of the hospital for a short tour of duty until he reported aboard the USS Tulso at an Asiatic station. Following this he returned to the Mare Island Hospital.

After tours of duty with the USS Chasumont, the Naval Dispensary, at San Pedro, and the USS Saratoga, Mr. Millard in 1940 reported for duty with the Fleet Marine Force attached to the 2nd Division. On 7 July, 1941, they landed in Ireland, the first American force to do so. He remained there until March, 1942, when he left the Marines and went to the Medical Supply Depot, Mare Island, his first assignment as a commissioned officer. From there he returned to San Pedro.

In 1944 he attended Southeastern University at Washington, D. C., where he studied accounting and business administration. Profiting from this course, he assumed the duties of Finance Officer at the Naval Hospital, Treasure Island. After serving 10 months in this capacity, he was transferred to the Haven, where he served prior to reporting here.

Mr. Millard was born in South Dakota. At present, however, he, his wife and two sons, Ronald, 13, and Raymond, 15, have their home in San Francisco.

His hobbies include working with leather and salt water fishing.

### THANKS

*I wish to thank the officers and all other members of the Oak Knoll staff for the kindness which has been shown to me while I was in your midst. My time in this hospital was very fruitful, scientifically and socially.*

*It was really a luck to be here!*

A. ANASTASSIADIS,  
SCDR, RHN



LT Matthew J. Millard, HC, USN



LCDR Ralph W. Price, HC, USN

## LCDR R. W. Price Is New Adm. Asst.

LCDR R. W. Price reported in at Oak Knoll on 15 August to take over assignment of Administrative Assistant. He relieved LT Fred Roepke who left this week for U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, for duty.

This job is definitely not new to Mr. Price, as he has held a similar position twice prior to reporting here—one at headquarters of the 14th Naval District, Pearl Harbor, and the other at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia.

Mr. Price had the urge to join the Navy in 1917, and on 3 April of that year he went to Great Lakes, Ill. and held up his right hand. He has been on active duty since that date. Reminiscing on his long naval career, he realizes it has been one of many experiences.

His sea duty started right after his graduation from hospital corps school when he received his orders to report to the USS Solace. At this time the Solace was the only hospital ship in Uncle Sam's Navy.

During World War I he went to independent duty school at Hampton Roads, Virginia and on completion of his training there he was transferred to the transport Paysandu.

His next turn of shore duty came with orders to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Gulfport, Miss.

Since then he has been on various ships including the BB Florida and cruiser Richmond. His string of shore billets include the Naval Hospitals at Parris Island, S. C., Washington, D. C., Chelsea, Mass., Charleston, S. C., Pensacola, Fla., Jacksonville, Fla., Philadelphia, Pa. and Naval Stations at Guam, M. I. and Pearl Harbor.

His change from rate to rank came in 1929 when he was appointed Warrant Pharmacist. His commission of Chief Pharmacist came through in 1935 and he was appointed lieutenant junior grade in the hospital corps in 1942.

Mr. Price was born in Indiana, which was his home until he joined the Navy. Since then he has established his residence in Florida.

Whenever Mrs. Price or his daughter isn't making him hold a field day at home he says he likes to go hunting or fishing which is his favorite form of recreation.

LTJG Hickey; and "The Welfare and Recreation Department," by CHPHAR Brock.

## San Francisco Veterans Get Third Largest V. A. Physical Therapy Clinic

One of the largest Veterans Administration out-patient physical therapy clinics in the country opened at the VA regional office, 49 Fourth St., Robert P. Shields, regional manager, reported.

The physical therapy clinic will be operated in connection with the VA out-patient clinic at 49 Fourth St. It is the third largest VA clinic of its type in the country. The only other clinics of comparable size are located in New York City and Los Angeles.

The physical therapy clinic, which will serve veterans of the San Francisco Bay area, is staffed with seven physical therapists and is furnished with the latest equipment for exercise rooms, heat and massage treatments, diathermy, water and ultraviolet ray treatments.

## Save Your Money 'Cause You'll Need Transportation

The Office of the Commandant of the 12th Naval District directs that the following paragraph be added as paragraph 7 to "Instructions to Men" at the bottom of the face of the Standard Transfer Order whenever a man is transferred and granted leave as a delay in reporting:

"This leave is granted with the distinct understanding that you have sufficient funds to defray your expenses while on leave including transportation. You are cautioned that disciplinary action will be taken should you request transportation from a Naval Activity without justification."

## Indoctrination Lectures Given New Doctors

Daily, Monday through Friday, internes and recently appointed medical officers are attending lectures in indoctrination being given by staff members in the conference room topside the Dental Clinic.

During the period August 4-26 seventeen lectures will cover an overall picture of the Navy, with especial emphasis on the medical service and its relationship to the Fleet, ashore and afloat. Captain Broaddus began the series when he outlined the organization of a Naval hospital and discussed customs and etiquette of the Naval Service. Captain Evans followed with an overview of the duties and responsibilities of the Ward Medical Officer. Captain Higgins showed them how medical surveys are handled. Duties of the OOD at this hospital were explained by LT Dunbar, MC.

Captain Young delved into the intricate points of Naval Courts and Boards. LT Rosser gave a discussion of Pay and Allowances. He was followed by LT Duane who not only explained medical reports and returns but also outlined the procedure for admission and discharge of patients.

Out-patient and In-patient care for dependents of Service personnel was handled by Captain Hirshland, while CHPHAR Dias tackled the problems of personnel, Naval and civilian. Miss Hoffer of the local ARC staff discussed the functions of the Red Cross in Naval Hospitals.

This week the lectures centered around the following subjects: "Property and Accounting, Material Surveys, Auditing Boards," by LTJG Brooks; "The Commissary Department of a Naval Hospital," by



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## Hey, Mate—Lend Your Support!

The baseball team is approaching the end of another season. In a short time the last few contests will have been played and the team will put away their gloves and spikes.

The local nine has done remarkably well in view of the manpower situation. Manager Alwood could seldom count on any definite number until game time itself. The acute personnel shortage kept many men on duty who would otherwise be cavorting on the diamond. However, it is our contention that the seasonal record could have been considerably improved upon in spite of the personnel situation if the team had had full-hearted support from the side lines.

The talent is there, as has been proved by many sparkling plays produced in almost every game. Yes, the team has done its share. But only a handful of fans — usually the same ones each time — has turned out to watch the games.

There is still a slim possibility for the story to have a happy ending. The proverbial "last chance" remains. Get out to those remaining games and let loose such a barrage of yells that the very bleachers will be shaken to their foundations.

Let's do our share to end the season on a note of victory.

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Among the reasons for reading books are the three which follow: books can be read for recreation, for increasing our store of knowledge, and for inspiration.

Who does not like to read a story well told? It is an unusual American boy or girl who has not lost himself in the **Adventures of Tom Sawyer** or **Huckleberry Finn**, and who has not read **The Three Musketeers** and the exploits of **Sherlock Holmes**. After reading such books it is natural to continue with books that widen our understanding and tell us the story of our world.

And among the books well worth reading is the Bible. The story of Joseph, and the accounts of Ruth and Esther, and the parables of Jesus, are among the priceless gems of literature. By the time you have read these the Bible should have captured you, and you should be able to find your way around in it and be at home in its pages. You will find that the game of life is easier if you have a friendly understanding with the people of the Bible.

E. C. Andrews, Jr.  
Chaplain, U. S. Navy

## Divine Services

<b>Protestant:</b> Chaplain—E. C. Andrews Sunday— Divine Service.....1100 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month. Protestant Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.	<b>Christian Science:</b> Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
<b>Catholic:</b> Chaplain—Carl Herold. Sunday Mass—0630, 0900. Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1. Confessions before all Masses.	<b>Jewish:</b> Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 1800 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain Andrews at extension 184 to arrange transportation. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.



Staff Enlisted Personnel stand inspection at the formal presentation of medals.

## Red Cross Ramblings

Excitement reached a fever pitch on wards 61A and B last week as the closing date for the Model Building Contest grew near. Patients proudly displayed intricate, gaily painted jeeps, trucks, boats and planes, not necessarily true to Navy specifications, but infinitely more colorful. Contest winners will receive awards at a gala party.

The romantic allure of faraway places enticed patients away from thoughts of hot afternoons and a stay-at home summer this week when Mr. Peterson of Oakland showed colored movies of Old Mexico to ward 60-B Tuesday evening.

Vicarious travel thrills were offered the patients on wards 65 and 70 via a travel talk party, brightened by colorful posters. Hawaiian pineapple juice and cupcakes masquerading as Poi were served for refreshments.

Shades of Spike Jones . . . racky-tacky rhythm's back again! Various pitches of unusual chord and discord rose from ward 70-B Tuesday afternoon where Mrs. Hill and her Tunetimers held forth in a Jam Session supreme. Various and sundry small instruments ranging from drums to triangles were issued to the more rhythmically inclined. They in turn "beat out" boogie to their heart's content. Mrs. Hill's group of Tunetimers are familiar visitors to Oak Knoll, having contributed many hours to the entertainment of our patients.

The lilting accordion music of Miss Julie Sieger of Oakland set feet tapping on wards 65 and 70 Tuesday evening. Miss Sieger rendered many old and new favorites, strolling informally up and down the ward as she filled numerous requests.

## Four Men Presented Awards At Inspection

Highlighting the regular monthly formal Personnel Inspection last week was the presentation of medals by the Commanding Officer in the name of the President and the Secretary of the Navy to three patients and one staff member.

Lt. (jg) Glenn C. Michel, patient on 40A, was the decorated man of the day, receiving one medal and eight gold stars. After the Distinguished Flying Cross was pinned on Lt. Michel by Capt. Broadus, a Gold Star was awarded for the second honor of like kind. Following this he received a series of citations given in lieu of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth Air Medals. Basis of all awards were "flight in a combat area where enemy anti-aircraft fire was expected to be effective or where enemy aircraft patrols usually occurred."

Carl B. Gordon, CHPHAR., USN of staff received the Army Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster by virtue of his services in defense of the Philippines.

Leroy T. Dollar, Jr., TM1, USN patient on 74B, received the Good Conduct Medal and a Good Conduct Pin for the second award.

Charles C. Steaveson, S1, USN patient on 65B, received the Good Conduct Medal.

Scenic views of bay and ocean and the forest visits of Muir Woods delighted Camera Club photographers last Wednesday as their station wagon rolled along highway 101. A long excursion, including a picnic lunch packed by Red Cross Canteen Corps, gave the men a taste of vacation possibilities, as well as an opportunity to take splendid scenic shots of sea and shore. This type of excursion is an innovation in the ambulatory recreation program.



# 'Cookie' Proves That Number 13 Can Be Lucky

To many people the number "13" is considered anything but lucky. However Andrew J. Kohl, SC1, considers it to be his lucky number, and after hearing his story, we're inclined to agree with him.

Andy's "lucky 13" streak began May 1944 on Midway, when he received word that he was being released to the States. He flew to Pearl Harbor, a distance of 1,300



Andrew J. Kohl, SC1

miles, in a plane carrying 13 passengers. At Pearl Harbor he boarded the U.S.S. Henry Bergh, bound for home. The ship with approximately 1,300 passengers aboard ran aground on the Farallones, 30 miles west of San Francisco, with no casualties resulting.

Kohl was married on 1 July, 1944, after a 13 day courtship. The following year, on 13 May, 1945 at 4:13 P.M., a son was born. Kohl's wife was admitted to the hospital just 13 hours and 13 minutes before the child was born. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and had a head measurement of 13 1/2 inches. Their son was named Michael Andrew, which is composed of 13 letters. Michael Andrew is the 13th grandchild. He was baptized at 1313 on 26 May, 1945, (double 13)—The proud papa smoked out 13 cent cigars.

At the time of little Mike's birth papa Kohl's military address was 213 Old Custom House and his home address, 3131 South Jefferson Ave., the latter a reverse of 13 twice. His last ship was the U.S.S. Sussex, (AK 213).

Andy Kohl is now a patient on Ward 49-b, the numbers of which add up to 13. He is in the process of attempting to get a 13 day leave and has high hopes of being discharged on the 13th.

And so the string of "13" goes on and on, and "where it will stop, nobody knows".

A Kentucky colonel always closed his eyes when he took a drink. When questioned concerning this habit, he readily replied:

"The sight of good lickah, sir, always makes my mouth water, and I do not like to dilute my drink."

## Library News

### NEW FICTION:

**KINGSBLOOD ROYAL**, by Sinclair Lewis—Neil Kingsblood, a respected young banker and wounded veteran, discovers that his great-great-grandfather was a full-blooded Negro. This very popular book is a novel in form only.

**THE SCARLET PATCH**, by Bruce Lancaster—The little-known story of the company of foreign-born soldiers who fought for the Union in the Civil war.

**MR. ON LOONG**, by Robert Standish—An engrossing account of the life of John On Loong, the only Chinese in a British colony in the West Indies who views all mankind with humility and compassion.

**JEREMY BELL**, by Clyde Brion Davis—In the days of the Spanish-American War two farm boys go to Chicago for a trip; and end up enlisting in the army.

**WATER OVER THE DAM**, by Marguerite Allis—Historical romance laid in the Connecticut of the early nineteenth century.

**THE BIG SKY**, by A. B. Guthrie—A lusty, brutal story of frontiersmen who could not live save in wild, free places untouched by civilization.

**GO-DEVIL**, by Marguerite Eyssen—A vigorous tale of the oil boom in Pennsylvania nearly a century ago, filled with beautiful women and brave heroes.

**STRANGER IN TOWN**, by Howard Hunt—With Manhattan cafe society as a background, Hunt tells a vivid yarn of a returned veteran with problems.

### NEW NON-FICTION:

**THE LOST WAR**, by Masuo Kato—A Japanese reporter's inside story of the war told from the loser's viewpoint. He discusses the leaders and the political and diplomatic struggle between the army and navy to gain control of the government.

**THE GREEN BAY PACKERS**, by Archie Ward—A readable history of professional football and, in detail, that of the Green Bay Packers.

**HOME COUNTRY**, by Ernie Pyle—Selections from the newspaper column Ernie Pyle wrote before he became a war correspondent. Descriptions of his wanderings over the United States, with side trips into Canada and Mexico.

**MAHAN ON SEA POWER**, by William Livezey—A fine appraisal of the well-known American naval officer's writings on sea power, and a readable biography of his life.

**GREAT ADVENTURES AND EXPLORATIONS**, by V. Stefansson—An anthology of explorers' adventures told in their own words, woven into an integrated story of exploring by Stefansson's interpretive comments.

## Oak Knoll Challenged By the Concord AC'S

Oak Knoll plays the Concord Athletic Club tomorrow, Sunday, 24 August at 1400. The AC's are reported to have a good team, and should offer some strong opposition.

All hands off duty are coming down, so don't YOU miss it.

## Captured Nite Prowler Makes Daring Escape

Light has at last penetrated the dark, mysterious atmosphere which has surrounded Ward 63-A every evening for two weeks. The saga of the 'coon was revealed for the first time today by Captain Broadus.

One evening several weeks ago, the tranquility of the night was suddenly broken by a continuous loud rattling sound emanating from the vicinity of Ward 63-A. A garbage can rattled ominously and a large animal made his way across the lawn, only to be confronted by LCDR Vera Kramer, NC, who was in the process of making her nightly rounds. Just as Miss Kramer had ascertained the strange prowler to be a gen-you-ine raccoon, the impetuous creature had the audacity to thumb his nose at her. Before she could decide on a course of action, brother 'coon had stolen away into the night's inky blackness. Miss Kramer turned in a report on the unusual proceedings, and thus began the most bizarre animal hunt in Oak Knoll's history.

Preparations went forward with great zeal. A trap was set with raw and cooked fish for bait. The next morning the hunting party had a rude surprise awaiting them. Not only was there no trapped 'coon, but the trap itself was missing. (The garbage detail, thinking the trap to be additional rubbish, had carted it a-



The culprit, under control.

way.) It was at this point that Captain Broadus took an active interest in the affair. For several evenings he journeyed to the ward in an effort to locate the 'coon. One night as he was sitting in his automobile, mapping out strategy for the campaign, inspiration hit him. Reviewing the details of Miss Kramer's escapade, he reasoned that the 'coon would most likely be found near the garbage receptacle. Sure enough, there on top of the can was brother 'coon sitting as pretty as you please. When confronted by the glare of the car's headlights, the animal jumped on the ground and sat staring after Capt. Broadus as he drove off, leaving the 'coon unperturbed.

Profiting from his boyhood experience with cottontails, Capt. Broadus built a second trap sturdier than the first. Two days later, success was achieved. After several difficulties, including the trapping of six cats, two of which were caught simultaneously, the 'coon was finally captured. He was spotted entering the trap by G. T. Morley, RM2, a patient on 63-A.

## Scuttlebutt

'Tis said that CALLERY spends his liberties babysitting in Hayward. SPATES and PROBST are firm believers in the theory of dynamic tension.

Is it true that "Highpockets" NEUMAN is sticking strictly to sodas?

DEJCMAR and REEDER had a hectic time of it on their return from Nebraska. Seems the rear end of their jalopy went out just as they reached the main gate. Incidentally, Reeder brought back a little hunk o' home with him.

What's this we hear about McGINNIS wearing and passing out perfume to the boys?

Do you know the song, "Roll 'Em Over," HILLYER?

Wanted—a private chauffeur. Bring applications to DINWIDDIE.

Note to ACUFF—Just because liberties are rugged at times, why take it out on the barracks doors?

We hear that STEARNS is on a diet. Maybe that explains why he didn't eat breakfast the other day.

CHRISTIE plans to become a dentist. Seems he's done a little suffering in the dentist's chair lately, and wants to take it out on the rest of us.

Don't ever lend your car to McNAMARA. He puts a jinx on every car he touches.

Who could ask for a better night Master-At-Arms than DYEMENT? 'Taint every M.A.A. who'll softly whisper, "Good Night," to each man in the barracks.

## Civil Service Commission Reveals New Public Law

Public Law 263 approved 30 July, 1947, amends Section 12 (b) of the Civil Service Retirement Act retroactive to 24 January, 1942 to permit persons separated with less than 10 years Civilian Federal Service to withdraw retirement deductions with interest. Former employees with more than five years service, including military, but less than 10 years civilian service who do not elect to withdraw retirement deductions have a vested right to future annuity. Civil Service Commission announces that in cases where refunds have been denied under old law it will be necessary for former employees to make new application (CSC Form 3005) which may be furnished by activities upon request of former employees. NCPI 185 will be amended accordingly.

Mrs. Brown: "Look, dear, how picturesque, the Smith's are bringing in a yule log."

Mr. Brown: "Yule log? That's Smitty."

The once proud animal was then taken in hand by the Transportation Security watch at San Leandro and put in a cage.

The nostalgic desire for home and freedom must have overcome brother 'coon, for during the night, he chewed a hole in the back of the cage and returned to his family. So friends, if some night you happen to be near Ward 63-A and you see a furry creature darting about, don't be alarmed. It's probably only a cat.



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FOR SALE—1940 Studebaker Champion two door sedan. Contact Lt. A. P. Minwegan, Public Works Office, Building 10.

WANTED—A ride from the vicinity of 22nd. and Telegraph to the hospital, AM's and PM's. Please call Mrs. Mitchell at the Public Works Office.

LOST—Brown leather wallet containing papers and \$20.00. Name on wallet—Robt. D. Mathews, HA1. Return papers and wallet to owner on Ward 65-A. Keep the money.

FOUND—in blue Ford convertible last Sat. enroute to San Francisco, 1 envelope of pictures. Identify and claim at the Oak Leaf Office.

Knoll Nine Takes Camp Knight 12-4

The ball game on Saturday, 9 August featured the "khaki-clads" of Camp Knight against the Knollites on the local diamond.

The game was tightly played for the first four innings, the score being tied at three runs apiece. The local nine suddenly found the range in the fifth and turned the contest into a rout, scoring nine markers before the "Knights" tallied their final in the ninth.

Extra base hits for the locals included a homer by Schneider, the first sacker, and a triple by Molinoski.

Molinoski pitched the complete game for the Knollites, allowing seven scattered hits and striking out nine. Krautheim played his usual steady game behind the plate.

A double-header between the highly touted Oakland Dodgers, a farm team of the Oakland Acorns, and the local nine will take place here on Wednesday, 23 August.

Camp Knight —1 2 0 0 0 0 0 1- 4  
Oak Knoll —1 0 2 0 2 2 4 1 x-12

Local Team Splits Bill With Moffet Field

The local nine journeyed to Moffett Field last Wednesday, 6 August, to give the "fly-boys" a return engagement.

The first game played was a rout for the local nine which chalked up 16 runs to their opponents' 8.

It was a free-hitting affair from start to finish. Molinoski started on the mound for the Knollites, but was replaced in the fifth by Quinlan who went the rest of the way.

The second game was a closely fought, evenly played game throughout. Liggett, pitching for the Knoll team, played masterful ball all the way, and banged out a home run to tie up the score in the sixth inning. An error by Moon, the first baseman, allowed the winning run to come home for the Moffett Field boys, ending what was the best game of the day.

Final score for the second game: Oak Knoll 3, Moffett Field 4.

Welcome and Farewell

Welcome aboard to Grant Lee Benson, Jr., Lt. (jg), MC, USN who reported here from Office of Naval Officer Procurement at Los Angeles.

Also to Rask, O. L. Jr., PhM2 from USNH Corps School at Portsmouth, Va. and Cochran, D. L., PhM2 who was received from a patient status.

Farewell and good luck in civilian life to W. T. Bond, PhM2, and "Aloha" to Moon, P. L., CPhM who was transferred to the Naval School of Aviation Medicine & Research at Pensacola, Florida.

Good luck to Alex Anastassiadis, Surgeon Cdr. RHN who has gone to USNH Chelsea, Mass. for completion of 1 year's government training in Eastern methods of Medical Therapeutics.

Come On! Lets Dance



Eddie Fitzpatrick

The Oak Knoll enlisted personnel will again be able to enjoy the music of Eddie Fitzpatrick and his orchestra, when he plays here for a dance 20 August at the Auditorium.

Eddie, the orchestra leader formerly at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, came to the Mural Room late last April straight from four years in the Army, and since then he and his band have been sending forth the soft and scintillating dance music so popular with San Franciscans.

Not only is Fitzpatrick the inspired lad responsible for the dreamy rhythms tailored to fit the champagne and caviar atmosphere, but he looks and acts the part—young, handsome, and possessing a gay insouciance of manner.

"There is a decided trend toward softer and undulating dance music," explains the understanding Eddie. "And strangely that trend is being forced by the younger generation. Of course we still keep it modern and lively, but definitely not blatant".

Recreation Presents Musical Souvenirs

Coming soon is a fresh, new musical show packed with hit tunes from the latest Broadway shows and the current favorites of the Hit Parade plus the choicest of classical music from operettas and master works that the world has never stopped whistling.

Artists of national and international reputation have been assembled by USO-Camp Shows in MUSICAL SOUVENIRS and they bring you a treat in the sixty minutes of music that make up the show.

The superb cast includes: George Derrick, baritone; Joseph Kallini, tenor; Splendora Leone, pianist; Ethel Lee, violinist; Luba Novak, cellist and Marietta Reynolds, contralto.

This talented group will perform for staff and patients in the Community Service Building Auditorium at 1900 on 21 and 22 of August.

Hollywood Portrait Painter To Sketch Oak Knoll Patients

Patients will have an opportunity to get a handsome portrait free of charge executed in pastel colors by an artist who has received high prices for his work in the open market. Pat Devine, well-known Hollywood portrait painter is looking forward to sketching the men of U.S. Naval Hospital on August 18-August 23 under the auspices of USO-CAMP SHOWS.

Pat, who was brought up in Dublin, Ireland, won two first prizes in art from the "Freeman's Journal" which encouraged him to take portrait painting as a career. He has painted many prize-winning beauties, including the present Miss California, and Colorado and has made over 1,000 portraits of servicemen and women at "The Hollywood Canteen."

Highspots of his art career include winning of an All-American Scholarship from the Art Students' League New York; holding the position of Art Examiner for the U.S. Customs of San Francisco; and winning first prize in portrait painting at San Francisco's Western Arts Exhibition.

Servicemen who are sketched will receive the original signed portrait and in addition USO-CAMP SHOWS will send a negative and a positive copy for reproduction purposes to whomever the man designates, so that relatives and friends may have as many copies as desired.

• Movie Schedule •

Sunday, August 17
"I WONDER WHO'S KISSING HER NOW"
June Haver & Mark Stevens
Monday, August 18
"TWICE BLESSED"
Preston Foster & Gail Patrick
Tuesday, August 19
"SLAVE GIRL"
Yvonne DeCarlo & George Brent
Wednesday, August 20
"HEARTACHES"
Sheila Ryan & Ken Farrell
Thursday, August 21
"SON OF RUSTY"
Ted Donaldson & Tom Power
Friday, August 22
"DEEP VALLEY"
Ida Lupino & Dane Clark
Saturday, August 23
"CORNERED"
Dick Powell

Voting In New York

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"Information relative to your voting rights may be obtained by writing direct to the Division for Servicemen's Voting, Secretary of State of New York, Albany 1, New York.

Attention is invited to subparagraph 2 above. Application should NOT be mailed to the Navy Department or to the Bureau of Naval Personnel.





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Saturday, 30 August, 1947

## Seven Salts from the Seven Seas



Interest in patients on 48A caused Sherman Childs, HAlc, day corpsman, to do a little mental figuring. Result: Seven men on that ward represent 167 years combined service. Left to right, they are: H. J. Theobald, CBM, 20 years; T. M. English, CMM, 20 years; A. Emley, CWT, 24 years; M. L. Fails, M/SGT, 17 years; C. Ashley, CMM, 20 years; C. A. Sanders, CBM, 24 years, and A. N. Platt, CSK(R), 32 years.

## Oakland Public Schools and U of C To Start Nite Classes 15 September

School days are just around the corner. Not for you? Well, have you checked on the amazing array of night classes offered by the Oakland Public Schools and the University of California Extension, beginning about 15 September? If you are one of the fortunate ones who can spare an evening or two a week, then OPPORTUNITY is knocking on your door now.

Here is your chance to take that course you may need to complete your high school requirements—that U.S. History, for instance—or to begin or continue your college work. Regular academic work, business, trades or engineering, medicine, art, photography—the list is almost endless.

If you don't want to concern yourself with prerequisites or school credit, choose a class on your hobbies or special interests—anything from auto parts to world problems. Many classes are open to all regardless of previous school training.

Most of the University Extension courses meet one night a week. Tuition is reasonable—only a small enrollment fee for the Oakland schools and an average of one dollar a class for the University Extension courses. Those

who have been discharged, even for the purposes of re-enlistment, may use their G.I. benefits.

Contact Educational Services (Bldg. 133) for schedules which will answer your questions about time, place, fees, and classes offered.

P.S. If these courses are not for you, keep in mind that Educational Services has a wide selection of correspondence courses and some excellent self-study material you can use on your own.

## Forty-Nine Ships To Visit Frisco

For the second time within four months the Navy's First Task Fleet will arrive in San Francisco for three day liberty and recreation following extensive training exercises in the Pacific. On 26 September, 49 ships and 21,000 men are scheduled to enter the bay led by the battleship USS Iowa.

In addition to the Iowa, the fleet will include three aircraft carriers, one aircraft carrier escort, two heavy cruisers, three light cruisers, 25 de-

## Exams For Rank of LTJG In MC Soon

Examinations for the selection of candidates for appointment to the grade of Assistant Surgeon with the rank of Lieutenant (junior grade) in the Medical Corps of the Navy will be held at all Naval Hospitals in the United States from October 6 to 10.

Graduates of approved medical schools in the United States and Canada who have completed intern training in accredited hospitals, or who will complete such training within four months of the date of the examination, and who are physically, and in other respects qualified, may be examined for the appointment as Assistant Surgeon in the Navy. Candidates must be less than 32 years of age at the time of appointment.

Candidates will be required to appear before Boards of Medical Examiners and Supervisory Naval Examining Boards at the Naval Hospital nearest their place of residence to demonstrate their physical and professional qualifications for appointment. Following approval by the President of the United States, selected candidates will be issued appointments and orders assigning them to duty in a Naval medical facility for active Naval service.

The attention of all prospective candidates is invited to the terms of Public Law 265-80th Congress, approved August 5, 1947, which provides additional compensation at the rate of \$100.00 per month for each month of active service performed by medical officers of the Navy. This is in addition to the regular pay, allowances or emoluments that medical officers are otherwise entitled to receive and will become effective September 1, 1947. A further proviso of the law limits the amount paid to any officer under this authority to a total of \$36,000 computed on the basis of \$1,200 for 30 years active service.

Detailed information as to form and procedure of application may be obtained from the offices of Naval Officer Procurement, Ferry Building, San Francisco, or from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, Washington, 25, D. C.

destroyers, one destroyer escort, one submarine tender, one submarine rescue vessel, nine submarines, one storeship and one landing ship dock.

It is expected that on Saturday, 27 September, a large proportion of the fleet personnel will form the nucleus of the Navy cheering section at the Navy-University of California football game to be held in Berkeley.

## Three Admirals Pay Visit to Oak Knoll

Visiting the station the past Tuesday were Vice Admiral J. B. Oldendorf, Rear Admiral Clifford E. Van Hook and Rear Admiral Joel T. Boone—all from Western Sea Frontier Command.

Admiral Oldendorf, Commander Western Sea Frontier, and Admiral Boone, Western Sea Frontier Inspector of Medical Department Activities, Pacific Coast, arrived in the morning for an informal unofficial visit and stayed for luncheon at the Officers Club with the Commanding Officer and the Executive Officer. In the afternoon Admiral Van Hook, General Inspector Western Sea Frontier, came aboard for a conference with the Commanding Officer.

## Vets Eligible For Legal Aid From Ex-Service Men In Claims Against VA

Retired officers and enlisted men of the armed forces may now represent veterans in claims against Veterans Administration as accredited representatives of the 68 national and state organizations authorized to file such claims. VA announced today.

The last session of Congress passed a bill making them eligible for this work and it became law upon the President's approval.

Heretofore, the provisions of certain penal statutes prohibited retired members of the armed forces from serving in this capacity.

The new law, removing this prohibition, includes all retired officers and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard when they are accredited representatives of an organization recognized by VA under section 200 of Public Law 844, 74th Congress.

Many of these men are lawyers and doctors whom service organizations desire to use as accredited representatives because of their specialized knowledge.

## Labor Day Liberty

HOLIDAY ROUTINE will be observed at Oak Knoll on Labor Day, Monday, 1 September. All hands will report for duty Monday morning and turn to until 1000 at which time those "liberty gates" will be thrown wide.

**CATHOLIC MASS:** There will be no daily mass until further notice. Mass will be held at 0700 on Sundays. Confessions will be heard before mass.



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## ORGANIZED CONFUSION

Dedicated to those daring, dauntless, and brave seamen of the United States Navy who work devotedly, tirelessly, and perform their work above and beyond the call of duty — The Chief Petty Officers!!!

As everybody knows, a Chief has practically nothing to do, that is, except to decide what is to be done, to tell somebody to do it, to listen to reasons why it should not be done, why it should be done by somebody else, or why it should be done in a different way, and to prepare arguments in rebuttal that shall be convincing and conclusive.

He must follow up to see if the thing has been done, to discover that it has not been done, to inquire why it has not been done, to listen to excuses from the person who should have done it and did not do it.

He must follow up a second time to see if the thing has been done, to discover that it has been done but done incorrectly, to point out how it should have been done, and to conclude that as long as it has been done, it may as well be left as it is.

Finally, he must consider how much simpler and better the thing would have been done if he had done it in the first place himself. In his mind the thought reflects sadly that if he had done it himself, he would have been able to do it right in twenty minutes, but as things turned out, he, himself, spent two days trying to find out why it was that it had taken somebody else three weeks to do it wrong, and then realize that such an idea would strike at the very foundation of the belief that — **A Chief never has anything to do!!!!**

—Q. V. BRANDON

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Christ our Divine Saviour, while teaching us the "truth and the way," did not content Himself with propounding mere theory. He wished His religion to be practiced in its fullness. "A tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire . . . By their fruits you shall know them . . . Not everyone who says Lord, Lord—but who does the will of My Heavenly Father shall enter the kingdom of heaven."—Matt. 7:19-21.

These "fruits" of faith, in practice, while being a service to God, should be at the same time a means of bringing our fellow men nearer to God. "Let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven."—Matt. 5:16. Evidently these words of Christ establish our responsibility towards our fellow men, to lead them to God by our exemplary Christian life. Too often we forget that every time we come in contact with our fellow man we are an influence in some way either for his advancement toward or degression away from God. "Be thou an example . . . in speech, in conduct, in charity, in faith, in chastity. For in so doing thou wilt save both thyself and those who hear thee."—Tim. 4:12-16.

—FATHER HEROLD, Catholic Chaplain

# Red Cross Ramblings

## CAMERA CLUB

Camera enthusiasts—did you know that you can develop, print, and enlarge your own pictures right here at the hospital? It's true. Your Red Cross maintains a well-equipped darkroom in the lounge at Building 102. If you don't know how to develop and print pictures, our teachers will have you doing your own in one easy lesson. It's open Monday and Wednesday 1400-1630, 1900-2100.

## CAMERA TRIPS

Once having learned to develop and print pictures you'll be anxious to take pictures of interest around the San Francisco Bay Area. There are opportunities to go on Camera Club Field Trips every Wednesday. Last week six patients with their cameras visited Coit Tower on Telegraph Hill, the Yacht Harbor and Fisherman's Wharf. Next week there will be a visit to one of the nearby famous California Missions at San Jose or San Francisco. Every Tuesday night Mr. Leonard Castleberry invites patients to his studio and teaches portrait techniques including lighting, pose, and all of the technical aspects that go into taking portraits. The men practice their portrait work on each other and then with these negatives they are able to print and enlarge their pictures in the darkroom. It's an interesting hobby for all of you camera fans and prospective fans—and we furnish all of the developing materials.

Sunday night, 17 August was the occasion for a large group of Red Cross-sponsored Oakland entertainers to visit wards 51A, 60B, and 71B where the combination of music, magic and pulchritude was well received. Mr. Howard Eastwood, pianist of radio renown, acted as accompanist and master of ceremonies and introduced Marilyn Miller, singer; Bob Fairweather, clarinetist; Bud Mead, singer; Julianne Segar, accordionist; and Ed Normoyle, magician.

These shows come out every Sunday night and the patients in the hospital are very appreciative of the

## Hospital Laundry Opens To Staff Hospital Corps

Thanks to Mr. Roepke who has made it possible for all Staff Hospital Corpsmen to wash, dry, and press white, repeat, white uniforms in the hospital laundry.

The laundry will be used only during the following hours: Daily, 1800 to 2100; Saturdays 1200 to 1800, and Sundays 0800 to 1200.

fact that these people have donated their time and talents over a period of time—some as long as five years.

Last Wednesday afternoon, 1 August, seven men including Joe Sykes, John Dunnigan, John Eklund, Wayne Hodgetts, Harkins, Pierce, went on a Red Cross bicycle ride around Lake Merritt. Miss Barbara Cornell, Recreation Worker, accompanied them and served refreshments at the end of the ride. It was with regret that the Red Cross said goodbye to Miss Cornell who has started a career in the advertising field in San Francisco.

## Girls In White

The Nurse Corps regrets the departure of LCDR Mildred M. Moberg, NC, USN to civilian life. Mrs. Moberg, nee Morrison, will be missing making rounds on the wards. We are all happy to know that she will be living near, and we hope she will come down to see us often.

LCDR Judy Wilson NC, USN was a visitor this week while on her way for duty at the U. S. Marine Dispensary, Tsing-tao, China.

Misses Eva Allem, Lucille Beum, Jane Bradley, and Jane Unruh journeyed up to Lake Tahoe last weekend. Reservations in advance are a must for this trip as the young ladies found out. Next time they'll take their sleeping bags with them.

Whose brakes failed to hold on East 14th Street?

Don't forget the Basket Supper at the Officers Club Sunday, 31 August at 1800. Come on girls! Let's see what culinary arts you possess.

## Welcome and Farewell

Farewell to F. C. Roepke, LT, USN, who has gone to Long Beach for duty.

Welcome aboard to LTJG Sidney (n) Rubin, MCR, USNR who reported for duty from civilian life.

Good Luck to F. "J." Bierend, HA2 and A. Nelson, Jr., HA2 who are now singing "School Days" at the school at Fort Worth, Texas.

Smooth sailing to B. G. Johnson, PhM3 who has been transferred to YBI for further transfer to ComWes SeaFron.

Farewell to E. O. Campbell, CPhM transferred to Mare Island Hospital and to J. T. Lowe, PhM2, who is now on duty at the Naval Supply Depot at Stockton, Calif.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews  
Sunday—  
Divine Service—1100  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
Protestant Chaplain's offices are located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.  
Catholic:  
Chaplain—Carl Herold.  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900.  
Weekday Mass—1205 in oratory next to Chaplain's Office in Building 1.  
Confessions before all Masses.

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Transportation leaves Administration Bldg. every Friday at 10:00 for services at Treasure Island Chapel. Men interested contact Chaplain's draws at extension 184 to arrange transportation.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Senior Chaplain.



## Introducing

### Our Civilian Consultants...

Twenty-eight Bay Area doctors now bolster the professional staff at Oak Knoll. These are the civilian consultants who come to the hospital at regular intervals to instruct and advise the junior medical officers. Each is a specialist in his field as the result of years of training and experience. Most of them have used their skill in service with the Armed Forces, and 22 of the 28 were at one time staff officers at this hospital. Patients, doctors, and administrators consider their services an invaluable aid to the Navy and to Oak Knoll.

So that patients and staff may know these civilian doctors and their work, the Oak Leaf will publish a series of articles, the first of which follows:

When Dr. Lawrence E. Brown, Berkeley proctologist, joined the consulting staff here last October, he was no stranger to the compound.



DR. LAWRENCE E. BROWN

Commissioned a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy Medical Corps in 1943, his initial assignment was at Oak Knoll. This was the first of his three tours of duty here. Now, for the fourth time, he is associated with the staff, coming to the hospital each week to give advice and instruction in proctology, the science which deals with the treatment of rectal diseases.

Iowa-born Dr. Brown received his higher education in three different states. In 1922, he was graduated from the University of North Dakota with a bachelor of science degree. Two years later he received his MD from the University of Cincinnati. In 1933 he returned to school to specialize in proctology at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Medicine.

When he joined the Navy, Dr. Brown hoped to see more of the country and was especially anxious for an assignment to sea duty. From practice in Southern California, he came to Oakland for three months before being transferred to duty as officer in charge of the dispensary at

Marine Corps Headquarters, San Francisco. From there, two years later, he returned to this compound to assist the Executive Officer, Captain Lloyd R. Reynolds (now consultant in urology) in setting up the proctological department on Ward 71-A, where, as consultant, he now lectures every Friday morning. Finally, on the day the second atomic bomb fell on Japan, Commander Brown's ambition was realized! He was ordered to sea duty. His cruise to the Philippines and Japan as medical officer aboard an APA lasted three months, after which he was once more back at his original post, this time for five months prior to separation from the service.

An Army man during World War I, Dr. Brown served in the "rear ranks" as a member of the Students Army Training Corps. His record of service with the armed forces also includes 14 years in the Army Reserve Medical Department.

Now, in addition to maintaining his office at 2340 Ward Street, Berkeley, and acting as consultant here, the busy doctor serves as associate chief of proctology at Herrick Memorial Hospital, Berkeley, and as a member of the staffs of Alta Bates, Permanente, and Highland Alameda County hospitals.

The end of a long, hard day finds the doctor at home with Mrs. Brown and their three sons—Bob, 19, a San Francisco State College student; Larry, 16, and Tom, 14, who attend Oakland high schools.

Service club work is the only "play" Dr. Brown engages in regularly. He is an active member of the International Knights of the Round Table.

#### Miss Weiss Makes Debut

Little brunette Joan Michelle Weiss arrived at this hospital Tuesday, 26 August, weighing 8 lbs., 4 1/4 oz. Proud papa and mamma are Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Weiss.

He only averaged four gals to the mile.

## Girls In White

Detached this week was LT. Wynema Peryl Jones, NC, USN to report to the University of Colorado for a course in teaching and ward management. Miss Jones has spent most of her time here on the Medical Wards (near the Raccoon). LT. Katherine T. Santure NC, USN was detached 25 August to civilian life to take up her duties as housewife in Richmond, California. Mrs. Santure's last duty was in the Operating Room.

Returned to service this week from terminal leave is LCDR. Florence A. Realini NC, USN. Miss Realini's last station was U.S. Naval Hospital, Corona, California.

We hope the heat in Boston hasn't overcome Miss Finn. After being in California a year and a half things may look different back New England way.

The second of September marks the arrival of the new class of Ensigns (NC) for Indoctrination with LCDR. Estelle E. Kalnoske in charge. Miss Kalnoske recently arrived from U.S. Naval Dispensary Saipan, and has been on duty in the Chief Nurses Office. We all join in the welcome of the new Nurses to our Corps and hope that they enjoy their tour of duty as much as those before them.

## • Movie Schedule •

**Sunday, 31 August**  
**FUN AND FANCY FREE**  
Color Disney Feature  
**I Am An Alcoholic** News  
**This Is America**

**Monday, September 1**  
**JANIE GETS MARRIED**  
Joan Leslie — Robert Hutton  
**Underwater Spear Fishing (Color)**

**Tuesday, September 2**  
**CROSS FIRE**  
Robert Young — Robert Mitchum  
**T-Bone for Two (Cartoon)**

**Wednesday, September 3**  
**PHILO VANCE RETURNS**  
Alan Curtis — Terry Austin  
**Heading for Trouble**

**Thursday, September 4**  
**BOOMERANG**  
Dana Andrews — Jane Wyatt  
**Wings of the Wind**

**Friday, September 5**  
**DARK PASSAGE**  
Humphrey Bogart — Lauren Bacall

**Saturday, September 6**  
**MISS SUSIE SLAGEL'S**  
Joan Caulfield — Sonny Tufts  
**Chick and Double Chick**

## Red Cross Ramblings

"Arthur Murray teaches dancing in a hurry" each Monday afternoon from two until four in the Red Cross Lounge. Those of you who do not know how to dance and those of you who haven't danced in some time should take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and brush up on your dancing.

Have you camera enthusiasts heard that the Red Cross has a brand new "bigger and better" Dark Room? It's on the first floor of Bldg. 102—just as you enter the front door. We wouldn't want to claim that it is light, but it is airier than our former dark room. The Dark Room has all kinds of equipment and we hope to add to it from time to time. Hours for operation: tentatively Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, and Monday and Wednesday evenings. As interest grows, more time will be made available. Mrs. Anne Cabralle, a Grey Lady, is usually there helping patients with their many photographic problems. She is eager to help any others who come down, too.

Did you know that there are Philatelists, or stamp collectors here at Oak Knoll. They gather on different wards each Wednesday night to discuss, trade and talk about stamps. If you are already a collector, look up the Stamp Club and you'll get lots of new stamps that generous contributors send in to the hospital. If you are interested in starting a collection, come to the club meeting and receive an album for your collection and innumerable stamps to start it off. Yes, that club meets on Wednesday nights.

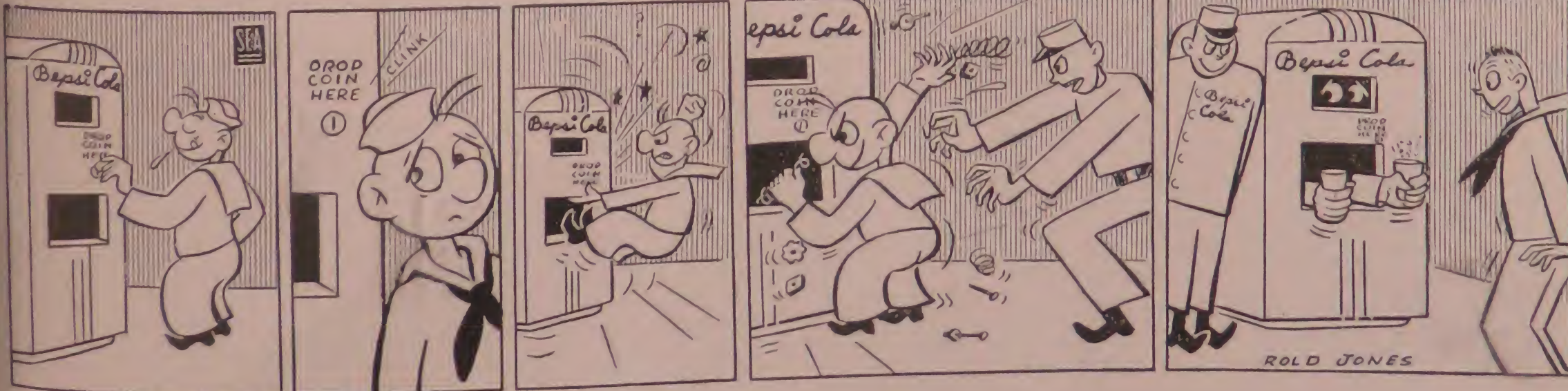
Excitement was at a high pitch last Friday on Wards 65A and B when the Model Making Contest, sponsored by the Hobby Shop, drew to a close. The judges awarded the first prize to Mr. Sam Marshall, Veteran on 65B for his excellent truck model. Second prize went to Garnet Echard ARM 1/c on 65B. Winners were given hand knitted, woolen afghans. The entire ward took an active part in the celebration and quantities of ice cream and cake appeared.

The Recreation Department has recently acquired many new swing, western, semi-classical and classical records, which may be checked out on a weekly basis, from the Record Library. All men interested in securing these new disks should contact Miss Alexander, room 229, top-side, Ship's Service Building.

## STALEMATE

By Harold Jones, S1

## Inside Job





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Oakland 14, California

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(Fold in half and then in thirds and staple.)

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FOR SALE—Plain band engagement and wedding rings. Box type solitaire setting, slightly over ¼ karat, blue-white. Paid \$200. Will sell for \$175. Has had three months' wear. Contact Sparks, Transportation, (nights).

Taken by mistake from Officers' Club—Officers' raincoat. No name. Labeled "Aquasautum Assman's Omaha." Please contact Oak Leaf Office.

FOR SALE—\$15.00 buys a large size baby crib. Contact the Oak Leaf Office.

FOR SALE—1940 Studebaker Champion two door sedan. Contact Lt. A. P. Minwegan, Public Works Office, Building 10.

WANTED—A ride from the vicinity of 22nd. and Telegraph to the hospital, AM's and PM's. Please call Mrs. Mitchell at the Public Works Office.

LOST—Brown leather wallet containing papers and \$20.00. Name on wallet—Robt. D. Mathews, HA1. Return papers and wallet to owner on Ward 65-A. Keep the money.

Oak Knoll Nine Goes On Spree To Win 2, Lose 1

**NOSED OUT 11-10**  
The Ramblers from the USS Randall invaded Oak Knoll on Friday, 15 August, and left victors after a hard-fought baseball game.  
Oak Knoll played heads up ball for six innings and then seemed to fall apart at the seams. Errors allowed the bases to become filled, and the Ramblers then came through with timely hitting to nose out the local nine by a score of 11 to 10.  
Molinoski pitched the complete game for the Knollites, striking out 14 of the opposition. Three of the nine innings were pitched while suffering from an injury sustained when a foul tip hit him in the ankle while he was batting.

**WIN BY BIG MARGIN**  
Saturday, 16 August, again found the Knollites at home playing host to Hunter's Point. Quinlan, our local Bobby Feller, fanned 16 of the Hunter's Point aggregation and had them completely handcuffed for the afternoon.

Misfortune has again hit the local nine in the form of another broken leg suffered by Doctor King, our slugging second sacker. This happened when King slid into third base to evade a throw. Johnny Morris also was beamed by a pitched ball.  
Final score of the game was 12 to 1 in favor of the local nine.

**WIN A CLOSE ONE**  
The ball game Sunday, 17 August, featured a new sensation on the mound in the form of one Ed Thorne. For the complete season Thorne has been playing third for the local nine, and not until Sunday was he released as a pitcher by Manager Alwood.

The Bank of America provided the opposition for the Knollites and proved to be a worthy foe. The game was well played and tightly fought throughout. Thorne pitched seven innings, striking out 10 men and allowing only three hits. He was then replaced by Liggett who went the rest of the way striking out three and allowing one hit.  
Final score: Oak Knoll 5, Bank of America 3.

"Papa," said the doting mother, "Robert's teacher says he ought to have an encyclopedia."  
"Encyclopedia, my eye," grumbled the father. "Let him walk to school like I did."



O. L. RASK POUNDS OUT a double against Finnimore, the Bank of America pitcher, in the game on Sunday, 17 August.

Baseball Today!



Double Header. First game starts at 1300. Oakland Dodgers vs. Oak Knoll. Bus Service from wards to field and back.

The professor rapped on his desk and shouted: "Gentlemen—Order!"  
The entire class yelled: "Beer!"

"Chief, there's a man here who says he used to make his living by sticking his right arm into a lion's mouth."  
"What's his name?"  
"Lefty."

• Movie Schedule •

- Sunday, 24 August  
"WILD HARVEST"  
Alan Ladd
- Monday, 25 August  
"TWO GUYS FROM MILWAUKEE"  
Dennis Morgan — Joan Leslie
- Tuesday, 26 August  
"THE VIGILANTES RETURN"  
Jon Hall — Margaret Lindsay
- Wednesday, 27 August  
"WEB OF DANGER"  
Adele Mara — Bill Kennedy
- Thursday, 28 August  
"THE CRIMSON KEY"  
Kent Taylor — Doris Dowling
- Friday, 29 August  
"BACHELOR AND THE BOBBY-SOXER"  
Cary Grant — Shirley Temple
- Saturday, 30 August  
"HERE COME THE WAVES"  
Betty Hutton — Bing Crosby

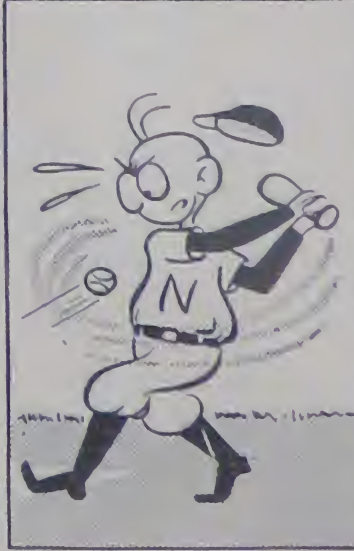
Efficiency Plus

A business letter reached the hospital 19 August bearing the following address:  
Mr. Oak Knoll  
Hosp. Disable  
Oakland, Calif.  
Anyone believing same is his or hers, may have same upon presentation of proper identification.

STALEMATE

By Harold Jones, S1

Hole in One







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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 6 September, 1947

## Navy Men to Pay Income Taxes After 1 Jan. 1949

SEA)—Effective 1 Jan. 1949, enlisted service personnel will pay income tax in the same manner as civilians, under Public Law 384 (80th Congress).

The present exemptions—all pay of enlisted personnel and \$1,500 of officers' service pay—will remain effective through the calendar year 1948. Withholding tax also will be deducted on service pay starting 1 Jan. 1949.

The automatic deferment of income tax payments or returns for personnel at sea or on foreign service duty will be terminated not later than 31 Dec. 1947. Members of the armed forces in this category have an automatic deferment until the 15th day of the sixth month following their return to the U. S. Personnel have been advised to file federal income tax returns for which they may be liable for all back years of later than 31 December.

Citizens of the U. S. serving in a possession of the U. S., either as a member of the armed forces of the U. S. or as an employee, when taken POWs or interned, shall be considered to have been within "a possession of the U. S." during their confinement by the enemy. This is true, even though the place of confinement

## NROTC, NAPC Servicewide Exam

Word concerning the selection of officer candidates for the Navy and Marine Corps has been received through BuPers Circular Letter Number 127-47. This letter establishes the procedure to be followed by all commands nominating qualified enlisted men to participate in the service-wide competitive examination to be conducted on 13 December, 1947, for entrance into the NROTC or NAPC, for the fall term of 1948.

Marines desiring further information contact the company first, Sergeant, M/Sgt. Ellis at the Marine Detachment. For staff personnel, data may be obtained from L. R. Gandy, PHM3, in Civil Readjustment.

may have been outside of a "possession of the U. S.," making them exempt from paying taxes.

P. L. 310 (80th Congress) stipulates that any compensation received by such POWs or internees during their imprisonment will be considered as compensation received "outside the U. S.," and will be exempt from tax. This can be applied to all taxable years after 31 Dec. 1941.

Specific income tax questions by naval personnel may be sent to the Professional Assistant's Division, BuSanda, OB-1, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C.

## Recreation Presents

After almost a decade of musical service, always in the forefront of America's great dance bands, Charlie Barnet, whose new orchestra will appear at this hospital on September 11, again leads the way, with the new ideas, all based on his musical integrity which demands only the superlative.

Barnet, one of the great instrumentalists of the day, created a household name out of his swing music, never compromising with quality.



CHARLIE BARNET

Recently, however, Barnet realized that swing, as a term, was passe, and that the public wanted something more and something new.

Not content with trying to revive waning interest, Barnet broke up his band, cancelled an impressive list of arrangements, and sat down to a study of the situation, rather than give the public something in which it had lost interest.

It was "musical dance music," along with entertainment, Barnet decided. That was the public's choice, and again, not compromising with quality, nor compromising with cost, he gathered together an all-star combination of musicians, vocalists, entertainers and arrangers.

Unique in the annals of music business is the billing given to Neal Hefti, arranger, by Maestro Charlie Barnet. It's the first time in jazz history that a bandleader has accorded an arranger the recognition of billing. Barnet believes the arranger as important to the band as its leader and musicians, and arranged the billing tribute.

With Barnet's new "musical dance music" idea, the Maestro is also featuring a medley of his past great arrangements, among them "Cherokee," "Smiles," "Redskin Rhumba" and "Skyliner."

The result, heard and seen wherever Barnet has played, has received the personal accolade of fans and musicians for his foresight and pioneer musical spirit.

## Mute Evidence of Fire's Ravaging Effect at San Leandro



A charred and wasted building now stands at the San Leandro Hospital following the recent fire. (See editorial).



# The Oak Leaf

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## Navy Adopts Tuberculin Skin-Test

The Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery has recently introduced the tuberculin skin-test in the physical examination of recruits in order to determine their fitness for duty in the Navy and Marine Corps.

A tuberculin skin-test already in wide use by schools, colleges and health agencies, will complement the X-ray examination of the chest which has been a routine procedure for all recruits for the past six years. The tuberculin test indicates whether or not an individual has been infected by the tubercle bacillus.

The X-ray is the best method to determine whether or not pulmonary tuberculosis may be present. If the chest X-ray film of a new recruit reveals a questionable lesion in the lung, a tuberculin skin-test becomes an important step in the further study of his case, since its proper use often permits the exclusion of tuberculosis from the list of possible causes of the lesion, because a repeatedly negative skin-test over an interval of several weeks nearly always means that the lesion is not tuberculosis

The tuberculin test has another use of great value to the Navy. After testing all recruits, they will be separated into two classes. In one class will be placed those who have positive skin reactions, indicating that they have been infected by the tubercle bacillus before entering the Navy, and in the second class will be placed those with negative reactions or those who have not been infected. Both classes will be re-examined yearly by X-ray to make certain that no trouble has developed.

The tuberculin skin-test is the latest method the Navy has employed in its long struggle, first to control, then to eradicate, the menace of tuberculosis within the service, a struggle which has resulted in a fall of the admission rate for the disease from 551 per 100,000 in 1900 to 58 in 1944, and a fall of the mortality rate from 58.93 per 100,000 in 1900 to 3.65 in 1944.

## Divine Services

<b>Protestant:</b> Chaplain—E. C. Andrews Sunday— Divine Service.....1100 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month. The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.	<b>Christian Science:</b> Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
<b>Catholic:</b> Sunday Mass—0700, 0900. Confessions before Mass.	<b>Jewish:</b> Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Scuttlebutt

**APPROPRIATE NAME:**  
WASHOM is now an apprentice in the laundry after serving some time on the Inside Master-At-Arms force.  
Have you heard "SMOKY" JUTILA and his verses of the song "SMOKE, SMOKE?" If you see him coming, better break out a full package of cigarettes.  
Telephone numbers are some problem to G. H. SANDERS, whose constant companion is his dog-eared "De-Icers" ledger.  
Sack time must be very important to PENERA as he gets more of it than any other two people on the compound.

Why is DON JOHNSON walking like an old cow hand? Must have been a rough spot on the saddle.  
Blup Bleep! Something's wrong 'cause FLOORE just can't sleep. Could it be discharge insomnia?  
Has anybody got a dime for two nickles? TREST has been looking for one as he is about to run out of clean hats. Try ship service; they are well supplied to meet your needs.  
Shoe polish is fine stuff for a "cookie duster." You might try some on your blonde bristles, CALLERY.  
Stand by. Man the tow car! THOMAS has just finished breaking in the new motor in his car. New motor that is!  
That nick on your head, McCONNEL. Was it a door?  
How about it BRINTON, is that the little lady of the house. Bet it's nice to have socks without any holes, etc.

KLEIN, is there something fascinating about those steps at night or is it WILLIAMSON?  
There are some good looking girls down at the fountain POOLE, does your wife trust you?  
Well CECIL, are you ready for another round—of students?  
Has anybody seen LARSEN lately? That patch is very becoming. Who done it?

**WELFARE AND RECREATION**  
Recreation comes through again by bringing another "Fun Show." The curtain will open for a show each night the 4 and 5 of September, at the Ships Service auditorium.  
Geared to the swinging rhythms of a trim six-girl dancing chorus the show will present a program of tried and true entertainment by well-known artists who represent the best and latest from Broadway and Hollywood. Old and new songs will be mingled satisfyingly with dancing, musical specialties and new and novel acts. The girls are reported lovely and talented and wear costumes worthy of a Broadway production.

## Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll bids farewell to LCDR Carl A. Herold, CHC, LTJG Harry McGee, MCR, USNR and LTJG Walter A. McLeod, LTJG MCR, USNR. Chaplain Herold is to attend Fordham University. Doctor McGee and Doctor McLeod will study Avial Medicine at the Pensacola Naval Station, Pensacola, Florida. Also going to school will be Paul E. D. CHPHAR, USN, who will attend six month course in Hygiene and Sanitation at University of California. Mr. Dias was the Staff Person Officer.

Having concluded their course in X-Ray instruction E. A. Thor, CPHM, V. B. Haley, CPHM, R. Charlton, PHM3c, and W. McDaniels, PHM3c are also leaving. Chief Thor is to report to USNH Memphis, Tenn for duty, and Chief Haley's new station will be Naval Training Center Port Hueneme, California. Three going to San Diego, Charlton to Naval Hospital, Smith to the Receiving Station and McDaniels to Naval Air Station.

Sea life is in store for A. J. Grezback, J. H. Parker and A. H. Ruler, all PHM3c, but P. H. Myhrum, PHM2c, E. V. Taylor, PHM3c and J. Perret, HA1, are still graced with shore duty. Naval Air Station meda spells duty for Myhrum. The city of the Mardi Gras beckons Taylor who reports to NAS New Orleans and Perret will be at the Net Depot Tiburon, California.

Men who have reported aboard for the next session of X-Ray school are E. T. Lysek, PHM3c; W. H. G. PHM2c, and J. R. McConnell, PHM. In school they will no doubt run Chief H. Y. Morris who is also a newcomer.

## Joy of the Editor

Getting out this paper is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we're silly, if we don't, they say we are serious, if we clip things from other papers, we are too lazy to write for ourselves. If we do not, we are stuck on our own stuff. If we stick close to the job all day we ought to be hunting news. If we do get out, try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office. If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius, and if we do print them the paper is filled with junk. If we make a change in the other fellow's write-up, we are too critical. If we don't we are asleep. Now like as not some guy will say we swiped from some other paper.  
We did.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

**A RULE OF THREE**  
Three things to govern—temper, tongue and conduct.  
Three things to cultivate—courage, affection and gentleness.  
Three things to commend—thrift, industry and promptness.  
Three things to despise—cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.  
Three things to wish for—health, friends and contentment.  
Three things to admire—dignity, gracefulness and intelligence.  
Three things to give—alms to the needy, comfort to the sad and appreciation to the worthy.  
—From the Twentieth Century Christian  
Submitted by Chaplain E. C. Andrews, USN



Introducing

Our Civilian Consultants . . .

A Californian by birth, education, and practice, Dr. Edwin G. Clausen is well-established and well-known in the Bay Area for his work in general surgery. To this Naval Hospital he brings skill acquired in civilian practice and in more than three years' duty as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the US Army Medical Corps.



Dr. Edwin G. Clausen

When War was declared late in 1941, Dr. Clausen had an AB, University of California, '32; an MD, UC, '36, and five additional years of residency training in his specialty at the UC Hospital. He was ready to serve with a group of UC doctors who formed the nucleus of the staff of UC General Hospital No. 30, established in England to care for the army's sick and wounded. After two years in Great Britain, the unit moved on to Normandy to set up a hospital that was credited with saving many lives during one of the most critical periods of the war.

Served in Antwerp

The former army doctor speaks with special interest of the work of the UC hospital during its period of service in Antwerp, Belgium, where operations were done to the accompaniment of buzz-bombs and rockets. There, Belgic civilians, army casualties from the front lines, and wounded from the Army Quartermaster Corps at the Port of Antwerp were treated. Dr. Clausen handled neuro-surgical as well as general surgery cases at this 1000-bed hospital as he had during his 24 months in England. At all three treatment centers he acted as assistant chief of surgery. While awaiting completion of the hospitals on the continent, Dr. Clausen headed a surgical team that toured evacuation hospitals, helping to "catch up" on surgical cases. The team, including an assistant surgeon, an anesthetist, a nurse, and two corpsmen, gave a helping hand to staff doctors, enabling them to give expert care to patients direct from battle areas.

After 37 months overseas, Dr. Clausen returned to the Army Hospital at Fort Sam Houston to serve as chief of the general surgical section before being discharged to civilian life.

Has Busy Schedule

Friendly, energetic, Dr. Clausen admits that life has been less excit-

ing since he exchanged his silver oak leaf and khaki for civilian clothes. But a glance at the consultant's present schedule indicates that life for him is seldom dull. When he is not busy in his own office at 418 30th Street, Oakland, he may be operating at UC Hospital, Providence, or Peralta, or he may be teaching a class at the UC Medical School, where he is clinical instructor in surgery. He may be making rounds of the surgical wards here at Oak Knoll, where patients and medical officers have looked forward to the instructive and helpful Tuesday afternoon visits that have been part of his routine since last November.

Mrs. Clausen and one-year-old Edwin, Jr. share the remaining fraction of the surgeon's day. If he had time for hobbies, they would be gardening and golf.

Welcome and Farewell

With the acceptance of his resignation Oak Knoll wishes LT John J. Morrison, MC, USN, the best of luck in civilian practice. LT Morrison plans to hang his shingle in San Leandro.

Also, with sad and happy tidings, and of course the best of luck, Oak Knoll bids farewell to six discharges. They are C. F. Workman, PHM1; A. Zahorchak, PHM3; M. Y. Carlew, PHM3; B. A. Demuth, HA1; L. A. Gomez, PHM3; and K. J. Bradshaw, HA2. Carlew is the first 2-year man to be discharged here.

Stationed here for duty are LTJGs' Charles P. Wilson, MC, USNR, and Brownell I. Brecheisen, HC, USN. Welcome to Oak Knoll and may your tour of duty be enjoyable. LTJG Brecheisen is the new Staff Personnel officer relieving Paul E. Dias, CPHARM, USN.

ACTION DELAYED ON WAVE BILL

(SEA)—A combined Wave-Wac-Marine women bill, which would make the Waves part of the regular Navy, was passed by the Senate but failed to receive action in the last-minute rush of House business. Completion of House hearings and a House vote are expected soon after Congress reopens.

This delay in passage of the bill will not affect the status of the 2,500 Wave officers and enlisted women who will remain on active duty during fiscal year 1948.

BEAUTY SHOP SPECIAL

Prices cut on permanent waves. Make appointments now. Shop on Second Deck of Ship's Service, Phone Trinidad 2-6620.

Girls In White

Detached this week to Separation Center, U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California was LCDR Margaret Jackson NC, USN. Miss Jackson until her discharge was on 46 A & B, now she plans to sell Apple Cider on the Santa Cruz Mountain Highway.

LCDR Margaret McNamara NC, USN is to be detached 12 September for duty at U.S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, New York. Miss McNamara who spent most of her two year tour at this station in the Blood Bank and trying to drive a 1927 Buick, will be within ten minutes ride of her home.

LTJG Nina S. Kolny NC, USNR is also to be detached on the same date for duty U.S. Naval Dispensary, Quonset Point, Rhode Island.

Oak Knoll bids you all farewell and happy landings!

Patients Frolic In Oakland Hills

The Oakland Chapter of the American War Dads sponsored a picnic for a number of Oak Knoll patients on Sunday, 24th of August.

The outing was held in beautiful Tilden Park high atop the hills overlooking Oakland.

The pleasant afternoon was whiled away in various games and feats of skill for which prizes were awarded the winning contestants. What with big juicy steaks to satiate the most gnawing of hungers following the athletic events, the patients returned to the Hospital overflowing with appreciation for the Chapter's tireless, and successful efforts in entertaining them.

Movie Schedule

Saturday, September 6

MISS SUSIE SLAGLE'S

Joan Caulfield—Sunny Tufts  
Chick and Double Chick (Color)

Sunday, September 7

THE OTHER LOVE

Barbara Stanwyck—David Niven  
Bootle Beetle (Cartoon) News

Monday, September 8

THE WELL GROOMED BRIDE

Olivia de Havilland—Ray Milland  
Double Rhythm

Tuesday, September 9

LURED

Lucille Ball—George Sanders

Wednesday, September 10

BULLDOG DRUMMOND STRIKES BACK

Ron Randall—Gloria Henry  
Hectic Honeymoon

Thursday, September 11

ADVENTURE ISLAND (Color)

Rhonda Fleming—Rony Calhoun  
Arctic Artisan

Friday, September 12

SOMETHING IN THE WIND

Deanna Durbin—John Dall  
Brooklyn U.S.A.—News

Here and There

We wonder why HORZ PROPZIT has been making like a 'ittle choo-choo twain.

We wonder that the light-haired and light-hearted Romeo of the Dental Clinic, JUTILA, has been escorting one of the local belles from the Ship's Service Fountain. Could this be true?

"20 YEAR" TAYLOR hasn't been letting the women down lately, if rumors are true. Also, B. J. still claims that he was sober when he agreed to sign over.

What a beautiful dawn last Sunday. Right Golden.

It has been said that SANELLE does not like to fill form "R's", so hurry and get this week's in as it will be the last one we can bother him with.

Has any one received a "seegar" from K. D. OSBURN, E. D. ESTES, V. E. MONDT or F. C. PENERA? 'Tis said they are now sporting that thing there that means more in the poke each pay day.

Too bad that television-telephones are not in use, Eh BLESSER. It's tough not to know who you are talking to, especially when they drive nice big cars.

Poor VAN METER, somebody kicked his can of Blue paint over and it looks like "ol" Bes won't get the finish job for some time.

How does it feel to be the low man on the totem pole HANSEN? Or was the weight so great you don't remember?

Who on the compound could the "Golden Boy" be? Could you tell us WADDELL?

Buy • Sell • Rent

FOR SALE—Westinghouse electric table top range; 3 burners. Prewar model never used. Price \$85. Call Mrs. H. Hirshland SW 8-7209.

FOR SALE—Speed Graphic, 3 1/4 x 4 1/4, Anniversary Model. Complete with all attachments and carrying case. \$325. Weston Master II lightmeter \$25. Not second hand. Contact Ens. Jenkins, Ward 40B, room 4.

FOUND—Fountain pen found in O.P.D. Owner may have same by identifying it. See LTCDR Wolfgang, NC, Ward 73B.

FOUND—I.D. bracelet bearing name David Allen Abney, Jr. Contact Oak Leaf office.

FOR SALE—Plain band engagement and wedding rings. Box type solitaire setting, slightly over 1/4 karat, blue-white. Paid \$200. Will sell for \$175. Has had three months' wear. Contact Sparks, Transportation, (nights).

FOR SALE—1940 Studebaker Champion two door sedan. Contact Lt. A. P. Minwegan, Public Works Office, Building 10.

He used to call me dear; now he calls me expensive.



# Oak Knoll Nine Ends Season



With a full schedule of 36 games the Oak Knoll Nine ended the season with a score of 16 won, 20 lost for a season's average of .444. Pictured above are the men who handled the "apple" for this hospital: with Captain Broadus and Chief Alwood in the first row they are, left to right, second row: Gene Alwood, bat boy, Claude Wolcott, Gilbert Greiter, Bob Liggett, Chief Thorne, Merrill Dodson, and Lonnie Dias, bat boy. Third row: Stan Schneider, John Morris, Sherman Childs, Chief Moon, and Jim Quinlan. Fourth row: Dr. King, Bruce Krautheif, John Cullinan, Bob Kincaid, and George Apple. Not pictured is Chief Molinoski, who shared pitching honors with Quinlan.

## Navy '48 Olympics Hopes in High Gear As Committee Formulates Tryout Plans

(SEA)—Plans, tentative and definite, are being formulated and acted on by members of the Navy's Olympics Committee. Already selected are the 11 sports the Navy will compete in—basketball, boxing, fencing, gymnastics, modern pentathlon, pistol and rifle shooting, rowing, swimming, track and field, weight-lifting and wrestling.

Basketball finals are slated for 27-29-31 March, 1948, at Madison Square Garden. Teams, according to Olympics rules, are limited to those which have a regular schedule as of 1 Jan., 1948. The Navy will assemble an all-star outfit made up of officers and enlisted men on or about 1 Dec. at the Naval Academy and will train and arrange a complete schedule for them.

In boxing, the Navy may get a decided break. The Olympics finals will be held approximately 10 days prior to the sailing of the team for London, site of the 1948 Games. The team sails on or about 1 August. It has been tentatively proposed that the winners of the All-Navy boxing finals go right to the finals of the Olympics tryouts instead of having to fight their way through regional tournaments. Four men in each of the eight weight divisions will represent the Navy.

### Wrestling, Swimming Plans

In wrestling, too, the Navy will be permitted to send 32 men, four from each weight class, to the finals without having to fight through regional meets. There will be an All-Navy mat tourney next spring.

The Naval Academy crew, which defeated the toughest U.S. collegiate teams in the Poughkeepsie regatta, will do or die for the Navy in the Olympics too. Not a single member of the crew will be graduated before the Games and the added experience

is expected to strengthen the already-powerful Middle crew.

Though swimming plans are not yet complete, the All-Navy winners whose times are respectable will be assembled at the Academy to undergo training and coaching for the tryouts.

### Other Sports Plans

Track and field stars now in the Navy will provide the nucleus for Navy competition in this sport. Others whose practice marks are good enough for Olympics consideration are also eligible for Navy tryouts.

Considerable interest has been expressed by Navy personnel in the weight-lifting event and it is planned to devise a weight-lifting tourney in connection with some other All-Navy event before the tryouts take place in Philadelphia next June.

The modern pentathlon, to take place early next summer, consists of riding, fencing, shooting (pistol or revolver), swimming and a 4,000-meter cross-country run. The tryouts will be held at Ft. Myer, Kans., in connection with the Army. Plans for the pistol and rifle shooting events are not completed as yet, nor are plans for the fencing and gymnastics events.

Men who would like to participate in Olympics tryouts in fencing, gymnastics, modern pentathlon, pistol and rifle shooting or track and field should see their athletic officer, giving records of past performances. Additional information will be promulgated soon, giving detailed information on how individuals may be recommended for the Navy Olympics tryouts. The Navy Olympics Committee is headed by CAPT. T. J. Hamilton, USN. Other members are: CDR. J. E. Dougherty, USN; CDR. S. D. Cutter, USN, and Maj. Alfred M. Mahoney, USMC.

## Oak Knoll Splits Last Two Games

The local nine again soundly trounced the aggregation from Hunter's Point by a score of 20 to 6, on 23 August.

In the last half of the fourth inning the Knollites banged out ten runs, and continued to score at will throughout the rest of the game.

Misfortune again hit Molinoski, the Knollites port sider, who was hit in the elbow by a pitched ball in the fourth inning. He was then replaced by Liggett who finished the route.

Sunday, 24 August, found Oak Knoll again at home facing the Concord A.C.'s.

The invaders found their batting eye early, scoring three runs in the first inning, and five in the third.

Quinlan pitching for the local nine, then settled down to pitch beautiful ball to keep the opposition blanked for the remainder of the game.

The Knollites, although hitting frequently, could score no more than six runs, coming out on the short end of an 8 to 6 score.

Quinlan went the route for the local nine with Krautheim behind the plate.

This marked the end of the 1947 season for Oak Knoll. Already the baseball gear has been stowed in moth balls till next season.

Mate: "Chief, tell me, whatever became of your ethics?"

Smitty: "Oh, I traded it in long ago for a Hudson."

If you want your dreams to come true, don't oversleep!

## Buy • Sell • Rent

**FOR SALE**—Plain band engagement and wedding rings. Box type solitaire setting, slightly over ¼ karat, blue-white. Paid \$200. Will sell for \$175. Has had three months' wear. Contact Sparks, Transportation, (nights).

**FOR SALE**—1940 Studebaker Champion two door sedan. Contact Lt. A. P. Minwegan, Public Works Office, Building 10.

**WANTED**—A ride from the vicinity of 22nd. and Telegraph to the hospital, AM's and PM's. Please call Mrs. Mitchell at the Public Works Office.

**LOST**—Brown leather wallet containing papers and \$20.00. Name on wallet—Robt. D. Mathews, HA1. Return papers and wallet to owner on Ward 65-A. Keep the money.

**FOR SALE**—One pair of large, perfectly matched, brand new silver fox furs. Never worn, must sell, need immediate cash. Were bought one month ago for \$300, selling now for \$200. Contact: D. M. Petersen, PHM3 at record office, Phone Ext. 158.

**FOR SALE**—Complete new set of hand controls for 1941-1947 Chevrolet. \$250. Call Chaplain's Office.

## Quinlan Makes Berth On Navy All-Star Team

Our local Bobby Feller has finally had his talents recognized. His blinding fast ball, and sharp breaking curve that has kept the opposition fanning all season has gained him a place on the Navy All Star team that will play the Army All Star team in Seals Stadium on Saturday, 27 September.

Quinlan hails from Kansas City, Mo., and attended DeLa Salle High School. While there he pitched two years of baseball, and his right arm helped in gaining the city championship in American Legion ball for the year 1944.

He then attended Rockhurst College for one year, turning his talents to the basketball court.

Joining the Navy in 1945, Quinlan is now about ready to rejoin civilian ranks and return to college with serious thought to professional ball.

## Oak Knoll Welcomes Arrival of Football

Football season is here again and the 12th Naval District is sponsoring a touch football league.

All district stations are requested to submit team entries by 1600, 2 September.

Twenty-four men will be carried in each squad and a team will consist of eight men. Manager Alwood sends out his plea for recruits, and wants every available man at Oak Knoll to try out. So if you are, or if you are not "All American" material, go see "Charlie."

Games will be played every Thursday at 1530. The first scheduled game is on 10 September when a capacity crowd is expected. There are not too many seats at the local stadium, hence, onlookers should get down early.

**SHOT**—That which if some people have more than one of, they're half

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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

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## LTJG B. I. Brecheisen New Personnel Officer

Reporting for duty from the Fleet Service Dispensary, Aiea, T.H., September 1, was LTJG Brownell I. Brecheisen, HC, USN, Oak Knoll's staff and civilian Personnel Officer, relieving CHPHAR Paul E. Dias, who is now attending the University of California's school of Hygiene and Nutrition.

Mr. Brecheisen brings to Oak Knoll his job the knowledge and experience acquired only after a lengthy career in the Navy, first as an enlisted man and then as an officer. Entering the Navy at Toledo, Ohio, August 26, 1927, and attending one of the last classes conducted at Hospital Corps School, Mare Island, California before its removal to San Francisco, Mr. Brecheisen's career was marked and the subsequent years took him to USNH, Chelsea; Guantanamo, Cuba; USNH, Newport; Submarine Base at New London and Laboratory School at the Medical School in Washington, D.C. His assignments then led westward with him at USNH, Mare Island and the Naval Hospital, Cavite, P.I.

The old China hands on the station will be happy to know that they have another "old China sailor" in the midst. For Mr. Brecheisen has served aboard the U.S.S. Chaumont while it was making the China Station—and the U.S.S. Blackhawk, the ship that seems to have had every man in the Navy, who crossed the 180th meridian, aboard for duty before the recent war.

On his first days of the war found Mr. Brecheisen attached to Mobile Hospital No. 6 where he remained until his promotion to warrant grade, April 1, 1943. Following detachment from the mobile hospital, his duties have been varied and have included assignments to Treasure Island; Mobile Blood Bank No. 3; the Fleet Service Dispensary, Aiea, T.H., before reporting to Oak Knoll.

## Recreation Offers "HAPPY DAZE"

"HAPPY DAZE," a variety show that includes Johnny Downs, the well known stage and screen star, will play a two night stand at the hospital auditorium, September 18 and 19.

Warm ballad singing and slick dancing are the only regular components of this unusual show. For the rest, novelty is the keynote and surprises will be the order of the day.

USO Camp Shows, the world's greatest entertainment enterprise, has collected the best of the unusual in nightclub and theatre entertainment to provide a hard-to-forget hour of enjoyment.

In addition to Johnny Downs, the cast includes: Jean, Jack and Judy, Comedy Knockabouts; Four Sharps, A musical act; Harry Hillman, Emcee and Mimic; Vocal Belles, Singing Trio, and Ann Sharon in a puppet act.

## Stork Stops Short

That unpredictable 'boid' — the stork—again dropped the satchel with untimely grace last Monday morning when he decided that the time had come even though the patient was within hailing distance of O.P.D.

With G. O. Leake, the prospective father, behind the wheel making a frantic effort to reach Oak Knoll, Mrs. Leake gave birth to a protesting 6 pound, 15 ounce girl in the car with the belated assistance of Miss Gasper, followed by Dr. Pease arriving in time to complete the procedure.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Leake have fully recovered and Beverly, the new addition to the family seems to have forgotten the episode entirely.

### CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

LT B. T. Poznanski, CHC, USNR, our new Catholic Chaplain who reported for duty Wednesday has announced that Catholic Services will be resumed on the station. The following schedule will prevail: A daily noon mass; Sunday Mass at 6:30 and 9:00 a.m.

Although Mr. Brecheisen was born in the middle West, he now considers himself a native Californian. He and Mrs. Brecheisen established residence in Oakland about seven years ago, Mrs. Brecheisen remaining here in the interim of his absence overseas.

In his leisure hours he can occasionally be found on the tennis courts or basking in the sun alongside the swimming pool.

## Guamanian Renews Friendship



Mr. Sanchez, now a patient here, renews friendships with Captain Broaddus and LCDR Olds, whom he first met on his native island.

## Island Educator Sent to Oak Knoll For Neurosurgical Observation

From Guam to Oak Knoll comes island-born, island-bred, and island-educated Joaquin Q. Sanchez, patient on Ward 55, to receive neurosurgical treatment for injuries incurred during the Japanese occupation of his home land.

An employee of the Department of Education, Naval Government, Guam, Mr. Sanchez had been receiving medical care at the Memorial Hospital on the Island for an injured nerve in the left shoulder, the result of a fall one night at the docks when he was working as a stevedore for the Japanese Navy. When an operation seemed necessary, Naval authorities secured permission of the Secretary of the Navy to send him to Oak Knoll. He arrived in San Francisco 7 August aboard the USS General Randall after a two weeks voyage across the Pacific.

### FINDS FRIENDS AMONG STAFF

Though the Guamanian is in strange surroundings he hardly feels he is among strangers, for shortly after his admission here he recognized a nurse passing through his ward as LCDR Olds, Chief Nurse, who before the war, had been Chief Nurse in the Naval Hospital, Guam. She, together with other Navy nurses, had regularly visited the public schools,

giving routine medical care to students. Likewise, the name of the Commanding Officer was not new, for Captain Broaddus was on the staff of the Attack Force Commander during the assault and seizure of Guam. As such he was in charge of all medical activities from July 21, 1944, the date of the initial landing, until August 10, 1944, when the Attack Force Commander turned over further operations to the forces ashore.

As a young man Mr. Sanchez literally earned the position of school principal, for under Naval Government those persons selected to teach the young are chosen on the basis of scholastic record and general aptitude for the profession. His favorite subjects are English and History.

### LIFE CHANGED DURING WAR

Of course, during enemy occupa-

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## Man's Common Enemy

Due to the stimulus of the recent educational series it is hoped that we all gained a new appreciation of the importance of the fireman's job and also found an increased confidence in our own ability to combat the phenomenon we know as fire.

Its insidious, destructive nature is clearly illustrated by the recent San Leandro fire: In this instance, two cushions were fired by a cigarette carelessly tossed away at approximately 1300. The smouldering cushions, upon being detected, were thoroughly gone over with three to four gallons of water, after which burned areas were pulled out and the cushions placed on the grass outside the building. Three hours later these cushions were exchanged for others in one of the closed wards. One hour and forty minutes more elapsed when these same cushions again burst into flame and set the building on fire. The fire department's assistance was then necessary in extinguishing the end result of another person's negligence. This fire could have been prevented had the fire department been called to properly dispose of the two cushions at the time they were first fired by the cigarette. We must always be mindful that a conflagration is but the development of a small fire, which in this case, though not reaching the proportions of a holocaust, nevertheless resulted in damage estimated at \$3600.

The march of modern science while assisting the fire-fighter by the provision of more efficient apparatus cannot eradicate the carelessness of human beings, and so it seems certain that whatever advances the future may hold, the risk of fire will be always with us. Particularly so here at Oak Knoll, where dry grass and wooden buildings, innumerable mattresses and bed covers—material highly susceptible to flame—are a constant challenge to the practice of fire prevention.

Subconsciously we all know that the practice of discipline and good housekeeping will greatly reduce the danger of fire. Can we as guardians of public property, pridefully and without abashment adjudge that we are faithfully carrying on this vital campaign and are ever on the alert to forestall man's common enemy, destructive FIRE?

## Divine Services

<b>Protestant:</b> Chaplain—E. C. Andrews Sunday— Divine Service.....1100 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month. The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.	<b>Christian Science:</b> Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
<b>Catholic:</b> Sunday Mass—0700, 0900. Confessions before Mass.	<b>Jewish:</b> Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

# Red Cross Ramblings

## BICYCLE RIDES

"For we look sweet upon the seat of a bicycle built for two"—so sang the Red Cross Gray Lady and eight patients from ward 51B last week, as they cycled around Lake Merritt (incidentally on bicycles built for one). Each week, a station wagon drives the eight men, who have previously signed up with the Red Cross recreation office, to Lake Merritt, where they pick up their bicycles for the leisurely ride around the beautiful lake and park. All of the men who have gone on these rides have returned, healthy rosy-cheeked (from the fresh air and exercise) with enthusiastic reports of a "swell time," and are anxious to go again. If you are interested in being one of these Wednesday cyclists, just let your Red Cross recreation worker know, and she will be glad to sign you up.

## INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE

How about a good Ole jam session on your ward, with everything from "Beat Me Daddy" to —you just name it, and we'll bring it up! Red Cross has a good selection of records, old and new, jive, popular, classical, which may be checked out, with a record player, to your ward. Or, better still, round up all those guitar, violin, clarinet, and drum players, plus the "wax-paper-over combs" expert players, for a hilariously noisy "music hour." Instruments may be checked out to the wards from the Red Cross recreation office, so come on down—or send down your friends, and get ready for some real fun with music.

## PIANIST ENTERTAINS

Saturday afternoons, previously a little long and dreary for bed patients, are becoming much brighter, with the recent addition of Miss Vera Champion, pianist, to the recreation program. Miss Champion entertains the men on three different wards each Saturday, with both popular and classical music. Always willing to fulfill any requests, she plays many favorites of the men.

## GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS (SOON)

Keep that part in your hair straight, fellows—one of these evenings you're going to be dazzled by "a bevy of beauties" on your ward.

A group of hostesses, girls from various organizations and clubs in Oakland, are now being trained to assist with ward parties here at the hospital. We'll tell you more later!

## CALLING ALL "HANDS!"

Say, all you "crafty" people—who is next on your list of practical attractive gifts or gadgets to make? Whatever it is, the recreation workers and Gray Ladies in the Craft Shop are ready, willing, and able to help you. The tools are sharpened, materials are ready, so come on down and get started. You will amaze yourself and your family with the professional-looking job you can do. You bed patients, just give your requests for craft work to the craft Gray Ladies who come to the ward and materials and instructions will be available. Now that summer vacations are over, the Gray Ladies will be coming to your wards more frequently with crafts—so be thinking about what you would like to do.

Effective September 1, 1947, the night duty schedule for American Red Cross social work staff will be discontinued. The following duty schedule will be maintained:

## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday 0800 to 1730  
Saturday 0800 to 1630

## TELEPHONE WATCH:

Sunday 0800 to 1630

The commanding officer has received another letter commending Oak Knoll personnel. The letter from a former patient lauded the doctors, nurses, and corpsmen of Ward 75A for their devotion to duty. The writer wanted particularly to commend James J. Norris, night corpsman, for his efficiency and devoted regard for the patients under his care. To the Doctors, Nurses and Corpsmen of ward 75A the Commanding Officer wishes to express a hearty—Well Done!!

# + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

## ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Business is business, but men are men.  
Working, living and dreaming;  
Toiling with hammer, brush or pen,  
Roistering, planning, scheming.

Business is business, but he's a fool  
Whose business has grown to smother  
His faith in men and the Golden Rule,  
His love for friend and brother.

Business is business, but life is life;  
Though we are all in the game to win it.  
Let's rest sometimes from the heat and strife  
And try to be friends a minute.

From The Art of Living Successfully  
Submitted by Chaplain E. C. ANDREWS, US



Introducing

Our Civilian Consultants . . .

To think of Oak Knoll's chest department is to think of Dr. Gerald L. Crenshaw, whose service on the 63-wards began more than four years ago when he joined the staff as a Naval Reserve medical officer. His outstanding work with tuberculosis patients and his skill as a thoracic surgeon made him indispensable to the hospital, and before he was separated from the service in March, 1946, the Commanding Officer had made arrangements for him to return once each week for consultations and surgery. Lobectomies and pneumonectomies—removal of part or all of a diseased lung—both extremely delicate operations—are "saved" for the specialist whose skill is known to have saved



DR. GERALD L. CRENSHAW

many lives at this hospital alone. In downtown Oakland the surgeon's shingle hangs at 2930 Summit Avenue, where he is one of a group of four doctors specializing in medical and surgical treatment of diseases of the chest.

Dr. Crenshaw, a native Californian, attended schools in his home town, taking his undergraduate work at Chico State College. He attended the University of California Medical School and interned at Alameda County Hospital, receiving his MD in 1936. After residency training in chest medicine and surgery at Arroyo Sanitarium and Fairmont Hospital, he served for three years as medical director of the Ahwahnee Sanitarium and worked for a year and a half with the Oakland thoracic group.

In November, 1942 — with two stripes on his sleeve—amiable, energetic Dr. Crenshaw reported to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Treasure Island, for his first Navy assignment as chief of thoracic surgery. Later, he had a three months' vacation from his work when he served as Sanitary Inspector at the Naval Disinfectory, Pearl Harbor.

Back to stateside in July, 1943, the eminent surgeon was glad to resume his service here has since that time been interrupted only once, from August, 1945 to January, 1946. During that period the lieutenant commander was on duty as thoracic surgeon aboard the USS HAVEN as it brought casualties to mainland hospitals from Guam and Saipan.

Now, in addition to maintaining his office with the chest group and serving as a consultant for Oak

All This Stems From Officers Leaves

So you are going on leave? Or you have the afternoon off?

Yes, hospital personnel—even medics—do occasionally have such an opportunity. And when they do—well, it's worth while anticipating their return. To wit:

A golfer de luxe . . . yes, that's the reputation enjoyed by CDR Kurzrock since that afternoon last week when he made a hole in one on a 200-yard up-hill drive at Lake Chabot. 'Twas the Exec who picked the ball out of the cup . . .

And incidentally, Captain Gillett is no mean golfer, either. Proof: An even broader smile and keener twinkle in his mischievous eyes the morning after an afternoon on the green.

Now take those leaves; you never can tell how they'll affect a man; as for instance:

When the affable Chief of Medicine announces he's taking to the lakes and mountains for a vacation and then returns all suave and Hollywoodish, sporting a Ronald Coleman mustache—well!

Then there's Capt. Shupp who wanted to experience non-communication existence for a while—that is, in a sort of modified way by spending 10 days away from a telephone.

Who? Oh, that bronzed apollo with the steel blue eyes? Why, that's CDR Wiggins fresh from the beachcombers club at Carmel.

Reason CDR Crawford is cavorting 'n a-joking, 'n a-teasing is that during the past month he visited all the hot spots (temperature, that is) in the United States and Canada, and he's jolly well glad to get back of the mild sea breezes of Californ-i-a!

And then there's that super-duper very special leave that could so rightly be translated "honeymoon." 'Tis for sure Dr. Pease, CHPCCLK Moberg, and Wave LTJG Virginia Wilde heartily recommend this type—else why those grins and "you oughta try it" expressions.

Knoll, Dr. Crenshaw is on the Thoracic Surgery and Bronchoscopy services of Alameda County Hospital. He is thoracic surgeon for Contra Costa County Hospital in Martinez and for Children's Hospital of the East Bay and is a member of the staffs of Peralta, Providence, and Herrick hospitals. Other notations in his "pedigree" show that he is a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Among those who consider the consultant a jolly good fellow as well as a fine doctor are Mrs. Crenshaw and seven-and-one-half-year-old Jerry.

Arrivals Augment Nurses Staff



NEW NURSES—They are, left to right: FIRST ROW: P. J. Lane, R. E. Reinhart, A. I. Shedd, B. Kolevakis, B. M. Clark, and A. C. Otto. SECOND ROW: V. A. Eastin, E. M. Thompson, A. J. Braden, F. I. Blazek, B. Lauridsen, and K. O'Brien. THIRD ROW: B. L. Taylor, H. L. Moroney, M. Ketter, and M. H. Adams. FOURTH ROW: LCDR Kolnoski, instructor; B. Liljegreen, V. M. Simich, and M. M. Bishop.

GED'S Bring Good News

"We shall be happy to issue a diploma." . . . "How do you wish your name to appear on your diploma?" . . . "You will be graduated from East High School on January 28, 1948, at 8:00 p.m. Kindly notify us as to whether you wish to participate in the graduating exercises in order that we may know whether to order a cap and gown for you."

Yes, the GED tests brought replies like these to Private G. H. Hallas on 43A; C. H. Boyers, HA2c, on 72A; L. R. Cottom, HA1c, in X-ray; and T. R. Bugick, HA2c, on Ward 50B. These men are only four of the many who have taken USAFI's General Education Development Tests to complete graduation requirements. These tests have been set up especially for servicemen who have been out of school for some time. Satisfactory performance on the GED's is quite generally accepted — to use TIME'S phrase — as a "reasonable facsimile" of a general high school education.

Special note to New Yorkers—You will be interested to know that your state now grants a certificate of equivalency through these tests. Other eastern states have also liberalized their policies in this regard.

Stop in at the Educational Services Office (Bldg. 133) to find out more about GED tests and your state's policy toward them. Try these tests. The GED's may mean good news for YOU.

Modern Desert Island

(SEA)—Mike McElroy had been leading an uneventful life as an elevator operator in the Internal Revenue Department building, Newark, N. J., until recently when his elevator became stuck between the second and third floors, leaving him alone with 25 typists. Luckily, however, a police emergency squad rescued McElroy before too long.

A Word of advice—don't give it.

19 New Nurses Report for Duty

Members of the third class of designs of the Nurse Corps, recently graduated from civilian training, are now undergoing their month of indoctrination in Navy routine and procedures. During this period they will be issued their Nurse Corps officers uniforms.

These new staff members including their training background are as follows:

Margaret H. Adams, Mercy College of Nursing, Detroit; Fay I. Blazek, Presentation School of Nursing, Miles City, Montana; Adorah J. Braden, Deaconess Hospital, Grafton, N. D. (Miss Braden was a LTJG, USNR from 1943-46); Betty M. Clark, Kansas City General Hospital; Virginia A. Eastin, Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis; Mary Ketter, St. Mary's Hospital, Duluth; Betty Kolevakis, Ohio Valley General Hospital, Wheeling, W. Va.; Betty Lauridsen, Cook County Hospital, Chicago; Alice C. Otto, Mercy College of Nursing, San Diego; Rosemary E. Reinhart, Providence Hospital, Kansas City; Alice I. Shedd, Univ. of Kansas Hospital; and Betty L. Taylor and Esther M. Thompson from St. Paul's Hospital, Dallas. (These last two have been in Veterans Administration work here in Oakland).

From Providence Hospital, Seattle, come four nurses; namely, Mary M. Bishop, Betty Liljegreen, Kathleen O'Brien, and Virginia Simich. And from St. Joseph's Hospital, Chicago, come two—Patricia J. Lane and Helen Louise Moroney.

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BRAWN WANTED

Now that the baseball season has drawn to a close, one can see activity on our newly lined, but not yet commissioned, football field. Each morning and evening there are a number of local talent practicing for the coming season. Still more men are needed to complete the roster for the season and pre-game time is swiftly running out, so fellows let's go down and see "Charlie" today.

CALLING ALL KEGLERS

Another call is out, this time for the demons of the ten pins. Oak Knoll is sponsoring two bowling teams to compete in the winter league of the Twelfth Naval District. Teams will consist of five players each, and there will be two alternates carried on each team. One team will be officers the other enlisted men. All veritable Andy Varipapas contact Mr. Weiler, manager of the bowling alley between 0900 and 1700, by 12 September.

First tryout match will be held on the 15th of September. League play will start on the 22nd of September.

ALL ABOARD FOR 49'ERS GAME



The men boarding the bus are bound for Kezar Stadium in San Francisco to watch the San Francisco Forty Niners trim the Brooklyn Dodgers, 23 to 7.

Tickets Available  
49'ers Home Tilts

Again this year the San Francisco Ball Club, through their manager, John Blackinger, is acting as host to a large number of Oak Knoll Patients at each 49'ers home tilt.

Each week 42 tickets are made available to men at this base through the Welfare and Recreation Office. Since the basis of issue is first come, first served, those desiring to attend the professional football games should make their requests to this office early in the week preceding the game.

Games are played in the Kezar stadium San Francisco, and round trip transportation is furnished by the Navy. The bus loads in front of Ship's Service by 1230 on the day of the game.

Last year the 49'ers gave the spectators many a thrill with spectacular runs, passes and line charging. It is reported that the squad is in even better for this year. At any

rate, the home schedule will give all grid fans a chance to evaluate. Keep these dates in mind. The 49'ers will meet the following teams on the dates noted:

- Los Angeles Dons—7, September
- Baltimore Colts—14, September
- New York Yankees—21, September
- Chicago Rockets—12, October
- Cleveland Browns—26, October
- Buffalo Bills—7, December

Sportin' Around

RINGERS: (SEA) When Ike Williams knocked out Bob Montgomery for undisputed possession of the world's lightweight championship, the National Boxing Association chortled with glee. Williams was the NBA's "world champeen" and Montgomery was world's champ in New York State. The NBA has had far the better of the longstanding dispute with the New York body. Seven times in eight meetings in recent years, the NBA version of the champ tripped the N.Y. body's choice.

Glancing around at the rest of the ring picture, the champs pose thusly:

Heavyweight title-holder Joe Louis is slated for a non-title bout against Jersey Joe Wolcott on 14 November. Look for Joe to make another quickie.

It's not his fault there's no competition around. Louis plans another non-title go in March. He's due to retire in 1948.

Middleweight champ Rocky Graziano is hoping for reinstatement by New York commissioners. N.Y. can't afford to lose Rocky now that he's beaten the only one worth beating—Tony Zale. Rocky will fight a non-title bout this fall and will meet Zale for the third time early next year. On our books he's due for a more decisive victory than before. Not that Zale isn't great. He's just too old.

"Pearl swears she's never been kissed by a man."

"Well, isn't that enough to make any girl swear?"

HURRY HURRY!!

Have you seen the Ice Follies of 1947? The latest word is that they are very good, with great skaters doing their stuff on the blades. A good share of the entertainers are smooth sailing damsels. If you are interested in seeing this colorful show get in touch with the Welfare and Recreation Office. The next and last show, which the Red Cross has tickets for is Monday 8th of September.

Round trip transportation is taken care of. All you have to do is follow the crowd that leaves in the bus at 1800 in front of Ships' Service

HYPO - - - The Torrid Tar

By J. D. Houwink. PHM3







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Saturday, 20 September, 1947

## Catholic Chaplain Is Assigned Here

Lt. B. T. Poznanski, CHC, USNR, Oak Knoll's new Catholic Chaplain, reported Wednesday, September 10, and lost no time in resuming Church services which had been interrupted because of Chaplain Carl Herold's transfer to Fordham University on August 26.

Father Poznanski came here from the Naval Base, Yokosuka, Japan, where he had been on duty since February, 1946.

His naval career began in February, 1944, when he accepted a commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve. After a short course at the Naval Chaplain's School, Williamsburg, Va., he was assigned to NAS, Corpus Christi, Texas, where he remained until his transfer to NAB, Majuro in the Marshall Islands, August, 1945, for a tour of duty lasting six months.

While assigned to the Naval Base in Yokosuka, Father Poznanski became deeply interested in the plight of the Japanese, and as a direct representative of Captain Benton W. Decker, USN, the Naval Base Commander, he undertook the task of helping to rebuild the people's faith and also of assisting in reestablishment of their means of livelihood. Yokosuka's inhabitants, being wholly dependent on the Naval Base for support, suddenly found themselves jobless at the close of the war. Thus it was the Americans' concern to find other means of work in order to enable the natives to become self-sufficient. As to their success, many of the notable visitors to Yokosuka can well testify. It was "exceedingly gratifying" to Father Poznanski when reporting Father Hubbard, the renowned "Glacier Priest," and Father Flanagan of Boys' Town through Yokosuka to point out the improvements; such as new schools, churches, the new playground (which proved a huge success with the children), the textile factories, truck farms and health centers that he had helped to establish and maintain.

The urgent need for conscientious administrators in all phases of the occupation was so great that Father Poznanski found little time for personal pursuits.

The new chaplain received his early education in the Catholic schools of Detroit, Michigan, and continued his studies at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Michigan, and the St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, which is also located in Orchard Lake. He was ordained in 1938.



LT. B. T. Poznanski, CHC, USNR

## Noted Sketch Artist Will Visit Hospital

Gill Richard Sharp, who comes to Oak Knoll Sept. 22 through 27 to sketch patients as part of USO-Camp Shows' service to hospitalized veterans, is entitled to wear the Combat Infantry Badge and two battle stars.

With the 97th Division, he pushed from the Rhine through the Ruhr pocket and then through Southern Germany and Czechoslovakia. V-J Day caught him on the Pacific, so he went on to Yokohama for five months of occupation duty. He was discharged in February, 1946, after four years' service.

Sharp's specialty is portraiture. After he completes his sketch, he sends the original to Camp Shows' headquarters in New York City. There attendants photostat it and forward original, as well as photostat positive and negative, along to whomever the serviceman designates. From the negative as many copies of the sketch as desired can be made. All of this is done without charge.

## MASS. BONUS LAW AMENDED

The Massachusetts State Bonus Law has been amended recently to establish 31 December 1946 as a terminal date for eligibility. Active duty between 16 September 1940 and 31 December 1946 now is required for eligibility for the Massachusetts bonus.

The amendment also extended the benefits of existing bonus legislation to any person serving on the effective date (25 June 1947) in any permanent armed force of the United States who previously was not entitled to said benefits solely for the reason that he has not received a discharge or release from active duty. All Officers turn their name into Officer Personnel and all enlisted personnel turn their name into Staff Personnel.

## Oak Knoll To Select Beauty Queen For Entry In Nation-wide Contest

Fame and Fortune beckons to Oak Knoll's loveliest! An All-Armed Forces Girl contest to select the ultimate in feminine beauty and charm from Navy, Army, Air Force and Marine Corps outfits is being held. Harry Conover, Candy Jones, Russell Patterson and Arthur Godfrey comprise the board of judges who will choose the winner from among the pictures submitted from each station.

## ALNAV Modifies Early Discharges

Effective on 1 October 1947 and until further orders, all regular Navy enlisted personnel whose normal date of expiration of enlistment occurs on 1 October 1947 and subsequent thereafter to who do not reenlist or extend their enlistment shall be discharged for the convenience of the government two months in advance of such normal date.

This action is necessary as the number of enlisted personnel on board 1 July 1947 is appreciably larger than average enlisted strength for which monies were appropriated for fiscal year 1948. Although an exceedingly large number of enlistments expire during fiscal year 1948, the bulk occurs too late in the year to bring the average strength within fiscal limitations.

The authority contained in paragraph 1 is effective immediately for personnel desiring early discharge not more than two months in advance for the purpose of entering the fall term of a school and in addition shall include such personnel whose normal date of expiration of enlistment is prior to 1 October 1947. Commanding Officers may accept statement of individual concerned of intention to enter school as sufficient evidence for transfer for discharge under this authority.

The term "normal date of expiration of enlistment" as used in this ALNAV means the date of expiration of enlistment (as defined in paragraph 1 of Article D-9104 BuPers Manual) or extension thereof.

Nothing in this ALNAV effects the privilege of reenlistment in accordance with BuPers Circular letter 141-47 as modified by ALNAV 195-47 permitting discharge prior to the normal date of expiration of enlistment for the purpose of immediate reenlistment.

In the case of individuals who on their normal date of expiration of enlistments reach a total term of service which permits them to retire or transfer to the fleet reserve and who intend to so retire or transfer, authority is granted to except them from the provisions of this ALNAV.

Pictures of the station winners must be submitted to the Armed Forces Press Service in time to meet an October 31 deadline.

## MANY PRIZES FOR WINNER

Shortly after that date, the judges will pick the lucky All-Armed Forces Girl for 1947. She will receive a scholarship at the Conover School of Fashion and Beauty Briefing, tryouts for the movies, television and modeling, an audition by Arthur Godfrey, and possible exploitation in a national picture magazine.

That the All-Armed Forces Girl ultimately may achieve the nationwide fame of such models and cover girls as "Dusty" Anderson, Francine Counihan, Helen Mueller, Toni Joyce or even Candy Jones, does not impose too much of a strain on the imagination. All of these girls started their rise to fame as Conover models. Similarly, the possibilities of advancement in other fields for the All-Armed Forces Girl will be unlimited, depending on her beauty, charm and talents.

## EASY TO ENTER

The only requirements for entry is that contestants must be unmarried and be civilian employees of the station.

Here at Oak Knoll competition should be keen since each department can boast of beauty among its workers. Individuals or departments can choose their favorites and submit entries to the Oak Leaf office not later than 1600, Tuesday, September 23.

Names of all contestants entered will be announced in next week's issue of the Oak Leaf along with additional information on the contest.

## New Navy Hospital

(SEA)—Ceremonies were held recently on Ribault Road near Beaufort S. C., marking the laying of the cornerstone of the new naval hospital on that site. Main speakers were Rear Admiral Clifford A. Swanson, MC, USN, Surgeon General of the Navy, and Rear Admiral John J. Manning, CEC, USN, Chief of BuDocks.



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## Let's Evaluate Without Prejudice

For many of us the merits of a naval career as compared with pursuing our way of life in a civilian medium will have to be judged and acted upon soon. For during the next twelve months those of us whose enlistments expire will be faced with this question. Whichever we choose, the decision will influence our lives immeasurably and can ever be referred to as the turning point in our effort to find a place in society.

It isn't too soon to give serious thought to the many questions that come to mind, for instance: Are we going to evaluate without prejudice, or will the special watches we were required to stand sway the verdict in favor of civilian life? Will the remembrance of petty differences and occasional unpleasantness we encountered decide against the economic security the Navy offers?

The depression of the early '30's with its disruption of normal work, and a resulting lack of jobs, necessitated our striving for existence rather than financial security. Can we overlook the fact that our depressions occur in orderly cycles and that the cycle of plenty has about completed its upward swing?

Can the disagreeable knowledge that we have regulations to abide by in the Navy over-ride the advantage of its innumerable benefits? We must also keep in mind that the freedom a civilian enjoys is in reality a sort of quasi-freedom. Does our educational background qualify us to seek civilian employment, or are we still in need of further training that the Navy provides?

Will we elect the manswarm of a civilian world only to find ourselves become nonentities, or are we going to re-enlist and fill the significant niche a bluejacket in the modern Navy occupies?

## Divine Services

<p>Protestant:</p> <p>Chaplain—E. C. Andrews</p> <p>Sunday—</p> <p>Divine Service—1100</p> <p>Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.</p> <p>The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.</p> <p>Catholic:</p> <p>Sunday Mass—0630, 0900</p> <p>Daily Noon Mass.</p> <p>Confessions before Mass.</p>	<p>Christian Science:</p> <p>Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.</p> <p>Jewish:</p> <p>Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.</p> <p>The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.</p>
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## Red Cross Ramblings

### DARK ROOM DOINGS

Camera Fans—are you taking advantage of the dark room which is available on the first deck of Bldg. 102 for your use to develop, print, and enlarge pictures? It is open each Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 1400-1630 and Monday and Wednesdays 1900-2030. All of the equipment and developing supplies are there for your use so start working on that hobby of yours.

### LA FEMME

Last Wednesday night the patients on 41A were the first ones to have a group of hostesses from various organizations in Oakland come to their ward for a party. "Travel" was the theme and there was much laughter over the imaginary telegrams that the patients were sending home. These girls are a welcome addition to any party—so watch for them as they are young, cute and good treatment for building morale.

### SPORTSMEN ENTERTAIN

On Wednesday, September 2, the Richmond Fish and Game Club, one of the numerous Sportsmen's Clubs that have been coming to Oak Knoll for months to interest and entertain the men in sports activities of all kinds, furnished a new and enjoyable evening for the patients on Ward 43B. Mr. Forwicke brought part of his collection of pistols—50 of them, all sizes, shapes, and strange types some of which were over one hundred years old.

### A WORD ON PIANOS

Pianos are considered versatile pieces of furniture on this compound. They are pushed up hill and down steps, people ride on them, magazines and various other things are piled on top, they are used as ash trays, overturned cokes drip down through their innards, they are lounged on lustily—and occasionally they are used to accompany an entertainment show on the wards. Many of these pianos were in poor condition to begin with, but now they are repaired and tuned, and in good condition. So if you would like to have any entertainment brought to your ward, please be gentle, and take good care of the pianos that so many interested community people have generously donated.

## Educator Here

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tion of the Island Mr. Sanchez could not teach English; instead he was made to learn Japanese as well as work for their forces. And as the war progressed the Sanchez family grew more and more despondent. "The most exciting period of the war," says Mr. Sanchez, "was on the eve of the Allies' return when roaring guns from the men-of-war surrounding the Island belched forth and whizzed shells across the isle."

Thinking a dugout would provide some means of safety for himself and family, he constructed one according to Japanese rules. However, the intense heat therein drove him to desperation until finally he explained to his family, "Come on folks, let's go to the surface and lie flat on the ground. It will be better to die a

## Adm. McIntire to Head New Blood Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, wartime surgeon general of the U.S. Navy and formerly White House physician, has been named director of the new national Red Cross blood program, according to an announcement received here by Miss Adams, AP field director.

The long-range blood program was recently approved as a Red Cross activity by the board of governors. The program contemplates the provision of blood and blood derivatives for the entire nation without charge to the public.

The announcement said that the blood program is being undertaken in direct response to the urgent need of the medical profession for blood in saving lives and in treating and preventing diseases.

At the program's peak, which will be reached in three to five years, an estimated 3,700,000 blood donations will be required annually.

According to ARC President Basil O'Connor, the announcement said "the need for blood is a continuing day by day emergency involving costs beyond the ability of the vast majority of people to meet."

"Moreover," he said, "in time of national emergency, the program would be functioning immediately to meet the needs of national defense, both military and civilian. It is realized that a program of this magnitude will require three to five years before its benefits can be extended to the entire citizenship of the United States."

sudden death than to be interred alive in this shelter."

From the depths of despair how ever came victory, and once more he found himself working for the U.S. Government.

### HAS LARGE FAMILY

When it was proposed that he be sent to the Mainland Mr. Sanchez agreed readily, for there he would not only have a chance to get well but also have an opportunity to see some of the big cities his wife had been telling him about for the past 10 years. She as a young Guamanian nurse had worked with Col. W. V. Thing when he was C.O. of the Marines on Guam and subsequently was persuaded by the Colonel and his wife to accompany them as nurse for their children when they returned to the Bay Area in 1918. But a year later she returned to the Island, and two years after that, "I married her," the smiling islander related, then added, "And now I have a big family—five boys and three girls."

### FINDS U.S. INTERESTING

An ambulatory patient now, Mr. Sanchez takes full advantage of his liberty hours. He is discovering Oakland and San Francisco with the aid of maps he procured on the other side of the Pacific. Their size—tall buildings and hordes of people—interest him. "A very, very big island, United States!" he concludes.

"But I want American people know about Guam, too," he says. "If anyone in this area is planning to come there soon, especially for the first time, I'd like to tell them about this island. Just tell them to come to Ward 55."



# Introducing Our Civilian Consultants . . .

Each Monday morning on Ward 60B, Dr. Morris E. Dailey of San Francisco conducts a Gastropic and G.I. Clinic to which patients with stomach and intestinal disorders come for consultation and diagnosis. Following his graduation from Stanford Medical School in 1939, and subsequent residency training in his alma mater, Dr. Dailey did post-graduate study at University of Chicago Clinic. There under tutelage of Rudolph Schindler, "father" of the gastroscope, he learned how the long flexible instrument equipped with multiple mirrors and inserted into stomach or esophagus can aid in



Dr. Morris E. Dailey

diagnosis of such abnormalities as ulcer, tumor, and cancer. It was the instrument which he described in detail at a weekly staff conference of the Officers Club several months ago.

During the war the California physician was a member of the Naval Reserve. Now his medical associations are many. Besides being an Instructor in Medicine at University of California Medical School, he is on the staff at U. C. Hospital, San Francisco; an attending physician at San Francisco County Hospital, San Joaquin County Hospital, French Camp, California; and a consultant in gastro-enterology at Langley Porter Clinic, San Francisco. Frequently, one finds a professional article which he has written published in medical journals.

Besides being a member of the San Francisco Medical Society and the American Heart Association, Dr. Dailey is actively interested in the Committee on Gastric Cancer of the National Advisory Cancer Council.

Just in case his varied duties do not consume all the doctor's time, he enjoys riding a cow pony most of all, having learned the art when he lived on a ranch in Danville, California.

## "Smashers" Come Back

(AFPS)—If the "smasher" (fabulous handlebar moustache) sweeps Ireland, England's ladies can blame the nostalgia suffered by ex-AF flyers for their wartime sign camaraderie. Trimmed neatly or shaved off completely after V-J Day, "smashers" have begun to reappear. Reports tell of the vogue becoming nationwide and threatening to invade the U. S.

The organization behind the movement bears the imposing title, "Society for the Cultivation and Encouragement of Hirsute Appendages with Movable Extremities."

## Tests Prove Dice Can Be Controlled

(AFPS)—Smart fellas shouldn't bet against determined crapshooters. That advice comes to you by way of Dr. J. B. Rhine and the parapsychology department of Duke University. When concentration furrows the brow of the man who picks up the dice, and his conversation with the rattling cubes carries a sincere tone of persuasiveness—watch out, brother. Pull out of the game.

"Parapsychology" is the study of extraordinary and unexplainable powers. The way Dr. Rhine got himself and Duke University mixed up in a crap game is a tribute to the broad-mindedness of science.

Back in 1934, Dr. Rhine had a young gambler for a caller. The proposition he put to Dr. Rhine went something like this. He, the gambler, was sure he had "control" over the dice. By sheer force of will, he believed, he was able to buck the law of averages. Since the Doc was interested in extraordinary and unexplainable powers, would the Doc care to carry on any experiments with him.

Dr. Rhine had seen proof of telepathy, the ability to perceive things beyond the known senses. Was it possible that the mind could also influence inanimate objects? Was this some new "unknown" power of the human mind?

The Doc, his wife and his staff proceeded to set up one of the greatest dice-rolling establishments ever devoted to science. Their first findings supported the gambler's thesis. According to the law of averages, the chances of rolling an eight or higher are 5 in 12. But in the first 6,744 rolls, they hit 8 or higher 5.53 times out of 12. All they used besides honest dice was a strong mental effort.

The Doc continued the study for many years, using dice made of balsa wood, lead, and even the common dime store variety. He had the dice released down corrugated boards, tried spinning them electrically in wire cages. But the law of averages still succumbed to the will of the operator.

When the experimenters switched to rooting for low dice, the cubes obeyed. Dr. Rhine studied his records. They seemed to prove the gambler's contention in yet another surprising way. "Control" was always greatest in the early stages of a set of rolls. In some cases, the first dozen throws were twice as good as chance, suggesting that the will of the operator tired a little afterwards.

"The results," says the Doc, "are unmistakably significant of some agency beyond chance. The dice are not behaving according to physical laws."

Every man is the custodian of his own dignity.—Albert William Macy.

## Here and There

WROE and ACUFF are doing business with the Ships Service. They are planning on buying seats at the counter so that's the best place to find them. Have you two found a soft one yet?

What will home cooked food and a leave do for a man? "CHUBBY" LAZO would be the man to answer that question.

Say SANDEEN, are you getting much "fright" time in lately?

GULLIVER BLACKETOR he's known as these days. Seems he's one to see America first. How'd you do on the first round, Chief?

Remember when BOB DAVIS was the turning wheel for the Oak Leaf? Anyway he was the fox who wrote this column. We have been keeping an eye on him but he lives too clean a life, so what can we say but: work hard in the Lab, ol' man.

The Staff Personnel office is having growing pains again so they put BALLARD and BREWER in the North Annex where they can do some work. And just in case you are looking for your service record so that GANDY can fix you up with a ticket to civilian duty, it will no doubt be out there.

Southern California must be fine, MONDT. Thought you were going to stay a while.

REUTLINGER, KEELER, AUSTIN, and LUTHER are curious to know who stacked the deck, and just what makes that little ball such a thief.

Man alive, what photogenic people there are around here, or have you seen the portraits of MAYBERRY, RENEAU and PELAUM?

How about these bankers, MILLER and HARRIS. Nice work if you can get it! Right, gents?

What Casanovas—BAGWELL and D. JOHNSON!

When are you going coon hunting, Chief Proulx?

Has anyone invented propelling power for a chow cart? A. E. SMITH is looking for some of the same.

How's school, BOLE? Are the "daze" filled with larning?

## 12 MORE UNITS TO RECEIVE AWARDS

(SEA) — Presidential Unit Citations and Navy Unit Commendations were awarded to 12 more units of the Coast Guard, MarCorps and Navy.

USS John D. Ford (DD-228) received the award for action during 23 Jan-2 Mar 1942 First Marine Division Reinforced, for 1 April-21 June 1945 action; Third Marines Reinforced, Third Combat Team, Third Division, 21 July-10 Aug 1944; Fifth Marine Regiment Reinforced, 15 Sept-15 Oct 1944; and the Sixth Marine Division Reinforced, 1 April-21 June 1945, all received Presidential Unit Citations.

Receiving Navy Unit Commendations were USS Ingraham (DD-694), 4 May 1945; USS John C. Butler (DE-339), 20 May 1945; USS LCS (L) 118, 1 April-6 June 1945; USS LST 133, 7 June 1944; U.S. Coast Guard Construction Detachment No. 26, 1 Nov-15 Feb 1944, and the Third Marines, Third Marine Division, 1 Nov-22 Dec 1943.

## Three Men Receive C.O.'s Comendation

Three hospital corpsmen, Frank R. Frost, CPHM, Jack L. Morehouse, HA2, and Gene D. Walker, HA1, received letters of commendation from the Commanding Officer at personnel inspection Wednesday, September 10.

Chief Frost is the Chief in Charge of the BuMed section of the patient



These three men were honored by Commanding Officer's commendations. Left to right: Jack L. Moorehouse, HA2; Frank R. Frost, CPHM, and Gene D. Walker, HA1.

personnel office and the commendation stated in part: "You displayed outstanding ability in the performance of your duties from 26 September 1946 to the present date." Also, "In performing this duty, you have shown a high standard of morale and integrity in keeping with the traditions of the U. S. Navy."

Both Moorehouse and Walker were commended "For voluntarily and without direct orders, assuming duty of a night special watch on the critically ill patient, Baby McCall." This special watch was undertaken after their regular thirteen hours of day duty. It was the opinion of Captain Hirshland, Head of O.P.D., that the patient's improvement was due in no small degree to the untiring devotion to duty on the part of these two men.

Chief Frost, born in Butte, Montana, has been in the U. S. Navy for the past eight years. Moorehouse is from Brawley, California, and has sixteen months' service. Walker is a Houston, Texas, boy and is in his twentieth month of naval service.

## AID TO TEXAS VETS POSTPONED

(SEA)—Though the General Land Office, Austin, Texas, will continue to file the names of Texas veterans interested in owning farms and ranch houses, a measure which would have assisted them in the plan failed to get final consideration before the Texas Senate adjourned.

The bill that passed the Texas House would have financed the vets up to \$7,500 and permit the purchaser to pay as little as 10 per cent down, with 40 years to pay the balance at 4 per cent interest. When final action is taken by the legislature, veterans whose names are on file will receive necessary information.



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### Final Standings in 12th ND Baseball League

The final standings of teams in the District Baseball League in the Second-Half participation were as follows:

Activity	Won	Lost
Naval Air Sta., Alameda.....	7	1
Pacific Reserve Fleet, M.I.....	7	1
Naval Air Sta., Moffett Fld.....	6	2
Yerba Buena Island.....	6	2
Oak Knoll Hospital.....	4	4
S.F. Naval Shipyard.....	3	5
Treasure Island.....	2	6
Marines, Mare Island.....	1	7
Marines, NSD, Oakland.....	0	8

The standings were promulgated by the Commandant of the 12th ND who in addition to congratulating the winning team also extended his congratulations to all the teams and to the individual members who participated in this league. From the Commandant to all hands—"Well Done."

The most useless day of all is that in which we have not laughed.

### Lookout Gunder!

(SEA)—Bakersfield, Calif.—Gunder Haegg had best look to his laurels as at trackster, for out California way, they're training even the women-folk for sprinters these days.

Prime example is Mrs. Louise Horn of Oildale, Calif., who amazed residents of Bakersfield by sprinting madly down the street at the side of a moving bus.

The explanation? She was wearing her first "fashionable" long skirt, and started to get off a bus. The doors closed, trapping her trailing skirt. The bus started up quickly, and it had gone almost a block before passengers could convince the driver he should stop.

"If I hadn't been a sprinter in college," Mrs. Horn panted, "I might never have made it!"

### Cagers to Start Practice

How's for some cageball?

Basketball practice will begin on Monday, 15 September and the time for this first meeting will be 1630, the outdoor courts will be the place. All men planning on skirting the court will meet at this time. Also any officers with their eye on the hoop are cordially invited to turn out.

The team will play Colleges and Junior Colleges in addition to participating in the 12th Naval District League. It is the hope of all concerned that Oak Knoll will have a championship team.

Dr. Phillips and Dr. Henn will put the team into commission.

### Tarantula Trapped By Bold Patient

The Frank Buck of the spiders is Jack Roberts, S1, a patient on Ward 54. Roberts captured, alive, a very large Black Tarantula in front of his ward.

Not having any large game equipment Roberts relied on an empty can. With this he stealthily advanced upon the hairy legged, plump bodied Arachnid from the rear. With a sure and quick final move the over grown insect was a prisoner of Roberts.

Defined by Webster, a tarantula is "Any of several large spiders. A European species, Lycosa Tarentula,

## Here and There • Movie Schedule

Have you seen BAKER'S dentures he just got to replace the ones he lost. Even if they weren't originals in the first place you should watch how hard you sneeze, ol' man.

Who's ringing those wedding bells, STERNS? Also hear tell your ship-pin' over.

"RED" CANTRELL they call him these days. It was so sudden too.

SHEPARD, can't you get enough coffee in a dime cup? Could you use a bucket?

"GLUE POT" LEWIS and "THUMBS" THOMAS are doing fine at the ship building. Two have left the ways already, a "P.T." and a Sub.

Wonder how baby sitting pays these days? Maybe AL SMITH can give us an idea. Hear he did some the other evening.

Any big ash trays laying around? If you find one give it to CHIEF "SMOKEY" SMALL. He needs one.

#### TOUCH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

18 Sept.—Oak Knoll vs. Electronic Material School, T.I. At Oak Knoll.

25 Sept.—Oak Knoll vs. Naval Retraining Command, Vallejo. At Oak Knoll.

9 Oct.—Oak Knoll vs. N.A.S. Moffett Field. At Moffett Field.

16 Oct.—Oak Knoll vs. N.A.S. Alameda. At Oak Knoll.

23 Oct.—Oak Knoll vs. Treasure Island. At Treasure Island.

30 Oct.—Oak Knoll vs. Mare Island Navy Yard. At Oak Knoll.

6 Nov.—Oak Knoll vs. VR-4. At VR-4.

Games will be played at 1530 and it is hoped that some support will be given the Hospital team.

Love is when a man thinks almost as much of a girl as he does of himself.

whose bite is said to cause tarantism which is a nervous affliction characterized by melancholy, stupor and an uncontrollable desire to dance."

What is to become of the beast is up to Chief Sandeen, lab man, who is now in possession of it.

Sunday, September 14  
**SINGAPORE**  
Fred MacMurray and Ava Gardner  
Record Party—News

Monday September 15  
**ROAD TO UTOPIA**  
Bing Crosby and Bob Hope  
Rhythm On Blades

Tuesday, September 16  
**ALEXANDER'S RAGTIME BAND**  
Alice Faye and Tyrone Power

Wednesday, September 17  
**BLONDIE IN THE DOUGH**  
Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake  
Rollin Down Reno

Thursday, September 18  
**GREEN FOR DANGER**  
Sally Gray and Trevor Howard  
Flicker Flashback No. 7

Friday, September 19  
**CARNEGIE HALL**  
Marsha Hunt and William Prince  
News

Saturday, September 20  
**ONE MORE TOMORROW**  
Anne Sheridan and Dennis Morgan  
Music for the Americans

## Buy • Sell • Rent

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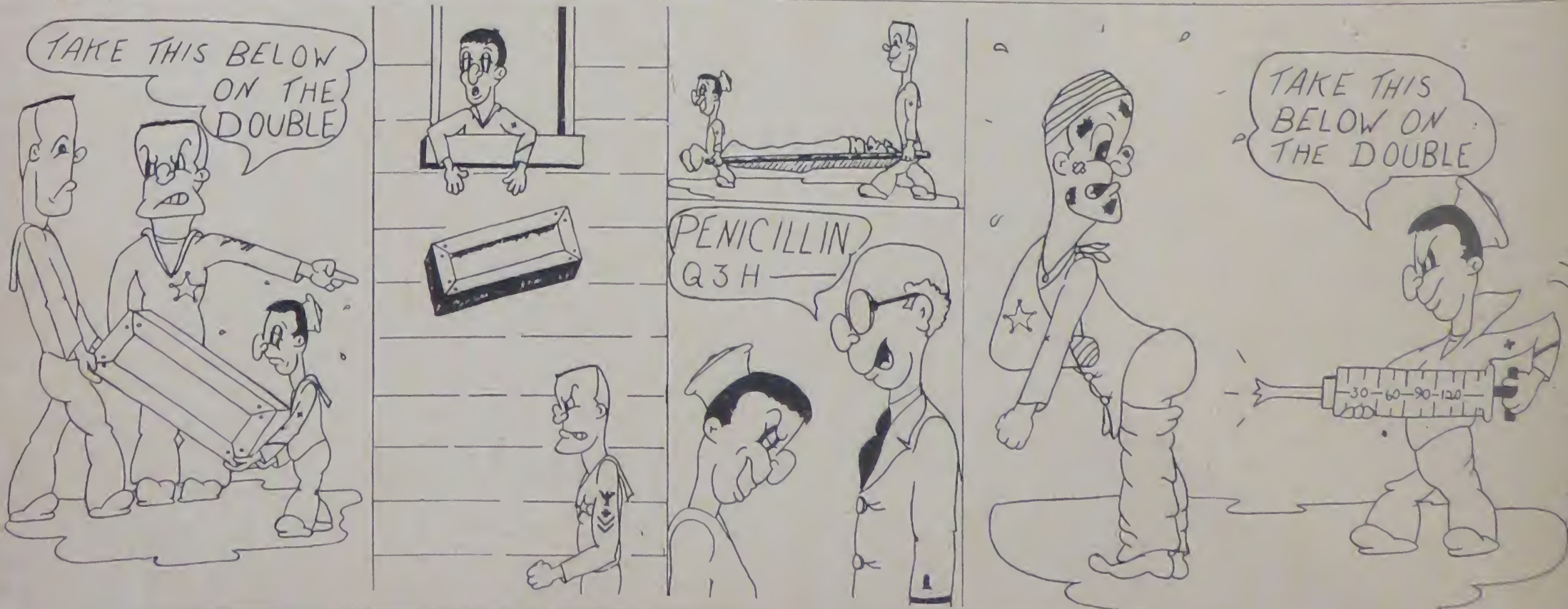
FOR SALE—Westinghouse electric table top range; 3 burners. Previous model never used. Price \$85. Call Mrs. H. Hirshland SW 8-7209.

FOR SALE—Speed Graphic, 3 1/2 x 4 1/2 Anniversary Model. Complete with all attachments and carrying case. \$325. Weston Master II lightmeter \$25. Not second hand. Contact Ed Jenkins, Ward 40B, room 4.

FOUND — Fountain pen found in O.P.D. Owner may have same identifying it. See LTCDR Wall gang, NC, Ward 73B.

## HYPO . . . Revenge in The End

By J. D. Houwick, PHM3







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## SECNAV Safety Award Received at Oak Knoll

Joining other awards hanging in the Commanding Officer's office this week is The Secretary of the Navy Award for Achievement in Safety. Personally signed by former Secretary James Forrestal, it was awarded to Oak Knoll in recognition of the successful program resulting in accident reduction. There was a fifty-per cent reduction in frequency for the year 1946 as compared with that for the year 1945.

The letter that accompanied the award stated: "This improvement in frequency rate indicates constant vigilance, enthusiastic and wholehearted cooperation, and untiring effort among all personnel. The Naval Hospital is highly commended for its establishment and maintenance of an adequate and workable safety program which is necessary in order to qualify for this high award."

Congratulations are extended to the Naval Hospital for this outstanding achievement in safety and it is with sincere hope that this low frequency rate will be maintained in future years."

### 12TH ND ALSO CITED

In recognition of the Twelfth Naval District's outstanding safety record, the Navy Award for Achievement in Safety was presented to Rear Admiral Donald B. Beary, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District.

In extending his congratulations Secretary Forrestal said: "The award is presented in grateful acknowledgment for the saving of human life, the reduction in government expenditures and the increased production which this improvement in frequency signifies."

In 1945, the District's frequency rating was 4.14 which was reduced to 3.48 in 1946, a 16 per cent reduction in frequency of accidents.

The frequency rate is based on the number of accidents times one million (abstract figure) divided by man hours.

The Navy Safety Certificate for shore establishments is a new award originated by the Chief of Naval Operations early this year.

### 12th NAVAL DISTRICT NOTICE

The wearing of civilian clothes or uniforms by Naval personnel on active duty at the Navy-California football game is optional, but under the circumstances of the occasion the Commandant feels that the uniform is more appropriate. If worn, the uniform shall be: Officers—Service Dress Blue, Baker; Enlisted men—Dress Blue, Baker.

## First Task Fleet Here For Three Day Visit

A display of Naval might and manpower will be presented in San Francisco this weekend when 53 ships of the First Task Fleet will follow the Battleship USS IOWA into San Francisco bay September 26.

The big event of the fleet's three-day visit is the California-Navy football game Saturday in the Berkeley stadium.

Ships scheduled to arrive, in addition to the IOWA, are: heavy cruisers — COLUMBUS and HELENA; light cruisers — PASADENA, OAKLAND and SPRINGFIELD; aircraft carriers—BOXER, TARAWA, and VALLEY FORGE; escort carrier, BAIROKO; destroyers — MADDUX, BRUSH, TAUSSIG, MOORE, LAWE, THOMAS, KYES, HOLLISTER, EVERSOLE, SHELTON, KEPPLER, WOOK, BERRY, MORRIS, McCAFFERY, HARWOOD, BOLE, WILTSIE, CHANDLER, HAMNER, OZBOURN, KNOX, SUTHERLAND, CHEVALIER, and HIGBEE; destroyer escorts—GANTNER, DIANCHENKO, and GOSSELIN; submarines — BLUEBACK, BLOWER, CHARR, REDFISH, BRILL, POMODON, CARP, CARBONERO, and CAPITAINE; submarine tender, SPERRY; submarine rescue vessel GREENLET; ammunition ship, MT. KATWAI; provision storeship GRAFFIAS. The destroyer tender PIEDMONT, also part of the fleet, arrived September 25.

Most of the ships will be docked at San Francisco piers, or at Treasure Island, where they will be open for visiting from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., September 26, 27, and 28.

## Legal Advice Available

In a recent Twelfth Naval District Notice it was noted that legal assistance is available to all Naval personnel and their dependents at the District Legal Office, Building 178, Treasure Island, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 0830 to 1700, and on Fridays from 1300 to 1700. Only in case of an emergency should local activities refer personnel for assistance at times other than the days now specified.

Due to lack of personnel it has been found impossible to provide legal assistance officers for all activities. Personnel attached to such activities desiring legal assistance should be advised to call upon the District Legal Officer during the time specified above. It is desirable that personnel from outlying activities notify the District Legal Officer in advance, but this is not essential.

## Middies Tangle With Golden Bears In Cal's Memorial Stadium Today

When Navy's goat and the University of California's bear tangle today at 1430 in the Berkeley Stadium Oak Knoll will be well represented. In addition to the eighty patients who will be guests, many of the staff have bought tickets to watch these two teams battle in a game rife with portent for either eleven.

Licking its chops and still savoring the horsemeat of a defeated Santa Clara team, the California Bear expects to take the change in diet—from bronco to goat—without a burp. It's Navy's intention that all the Bear will leave the game with is a bad case of indigestion and their own chorus of Gesundheits.

### GAME TO BE HARD-FOUGHT

The winning of this game is vitally important to both teams. U.C. must show that their win last week was definitely a positive affair. Also, by beating Navy today they would attain national prominence. Navy, in turn, will be using this game as a forecast for what's in store for the remaining teams on their schedule. If they defeat California decisively it will serve notice that they are a team to contend with for national honors.

Although Navy hasn't sharpened its play in an official game, the Santa Clara-California game was scouted, and if Coach Waldorf of the Bears has anything left in the old burlap he'd better pull it out for inspection if he expects to beat Navy.

The eighty patients who will be guests at the game will leave Oak Knoll at 1200 today and this is one time they shouldn't "miss the boat."

### FANS TO BE ENTERTAINED

During the half, the crowd will be entertained by both a University of California and U. S. Marine Corps Band. In addition, the traditional Navy goat will be paraded around the field and introduced to the California bear a meeting which, though unpredictable as to its outcome, will no doubt add to the day's gala show.

The fans will also be amazed by the nationally known University of California's cheering section throughout the game. Their precision with the placards has reached such a degree of perfection that many other schools have used them as examples when instructing their own cheering sections.

A pre-game festival, with a parade of floats, bands and marching units, Hollywood stars and beauty queens, will be staged Friday evening by the Berkeley Junior Chamber of Commerce and University of California student body. A thousand men of the fleet will march and there will be Navy floats.

## Medical Care For Vets To Reach Peak in 1975

Almost as many World War II veterans will be alive at the turn of the 21st century as there are living veterans of World War I today, according to the latest Veterans Administration estimate.

VA computes that 3,400,000 War II veterans will be alive in the year 2000. The number of War I living veterans as of June 30, 1947, was 3,727,000.

However, although the average age of War I veterans now is approximately 54 years, the average age of the War II veterans expected to be living in the year 2000 will be slightly over 77 years.

The War II figures come from a projection that VA made to determine what its administrative and operating requirements for these veterans will be in the future.

The projection begins with the potential War II veteran population of 16,051,000 as of July 25, 1947, which includes those already released by the armed forces who are still living, and those yet to be released as veterans of World War II. The average age of this group on that date was 28.6 years.

The projection ends with the year 2030 when VA expects less than a thousand War II veterans to be alive, averaging 104 years of age.

In 1975, when VA expects to reach the peak of its medical care for War II veterans, approximately 12,700,000 of these veterans are expected to be living, averaging 57 years of age.

## O' Wives Club Meets Next Week

Officers Wives' Club will have a real treat at their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, 1 October, at 1400, when Mrs. McCord, wife of William B. McCord, professor of speech training at University of California, will give a reading of Jane Austen's famous book, "Pride and Prejudice." All members are cordially invited to bring guests to this affair. There will be a nurse in attendance for small children.



# The Oak Leaf

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## Know and Better Your Station

A conducted "Cook's Tour" of Oak Knoll would serve its purpose in making us aware of the location of each ward and special department but, a "Cook's Tour" in itself is not enough. What is needed is something that will awaken our dormant interest in improving both our knowledge of the station and the routine necessary for its proper functioning.

It is regrettable that too many of us have a negligent disinterest in our surroundings; oftentimes to the extent where individual ignorance reflects adverse criticism from visitors, not on the individual, but on Oak Knoll and its personnel as a whole.

Not only must we endeavor to know our station but we must also acquire an active, chauvinistic pride in its appearance. The station's appearance as a whole depends upon our interest in knowing and doing the right things. Our duties in this respect are numerous. We should acquaint ourselves with the station's regulations, for knowing what we can, cannot, and must do is of paramount importance. The "Plan of the Day," promulgated DAILY for the information and guidance of all hands, answers questions of policy regarding proper uniform and working, visiting, and liberty hours. It also anticipates and answers questions concerning correct procedure. Do we refer to it DAILY?

Human beings have a tendency to procrastinate. This is particularly true where service personnel are concerned because of the certainty of their livelihood and, to some degree, the routine nature of their jobs.

An aroused interest on the part of Oak Knoll's staff is all that's required to make their station an outstanding one. With additional effort on our part any finger that might have pointed with accusation will instead point with pride, and even the most cynical among us will glow with satisfaction.

## Divine Services

<b>Protestant:</b> Chaplain—E. C. Andrews Sunday— Divine Service.....1100 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month. The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.	<b>Christian Science:</b> Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
<b>Catholic:</b> Sunday Mass—0630, 0900 Daily Noon Mass. Confessions before Mass.	<b>Jewish:</b> Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings

Camera fans, that new darkroom is here! It is located on the first floor of Building No. 102 and is well-equipped with a refrigerator, fan, and all kinds of photographic supplies and equipment where you can develop, print and enlarge your snapshots. The darkroom is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons, and Monday and Wednesday nights. If you aren't already a camera fan, come down and see the fine work that is being done and you'll have your hands in the developer and hypo before you know it. Mrs. Anne Cabrell, Gray Lady, is usually in the darkroom and is anxious to help any of you who need to learn about photography or any of you who want to brush up on your previous knowledge.

### MUSIC MAESTRO

Bud Cheek brought his five-piece orchestra to the hospital to entertain the patients on several wards for the first time last Thursday night. Although Bud has been doing this for a number of years at other military hospitals, this was his first visit here. He and his band were received with a great deal of enthusiasm. Bud plays the guitar and sings in a soft baritone; Russ Monson, an excellent pianist, carries the melody of either Chopin or Boogie; Jackie Cifuno, the young miss of the group, plays the accordion and sings in the trio composed of Bud, Jackie, and Dick; George Lenfesten, bass viol; and Dick Whitbeck, trumpet complete the quintette. This group plays every Saturday night at the Berkeley YMCA weekly dance and they extend a cordial invitation to all the men here to attend and you can be assured of a good time. Ward 41A and 43B enjoyed their program this time and kept them as long as they could play requests. Keep on the lookout for the time when they will be on your ward.

### PARTY PATTERN

Last Monday night Ward 75A spent a very enjoyable evening being entertained by the Oakland Red Cross Gray Ladies with an "Up and Atom" party. The ward was divided into two teams, the Reds and the Blues, then several relays were run involving paper bags which had to be blown up and burst, and such things which might vaguely pertain to the atomic bomb. There were quizzes and other games of mental skill.

### BICYCLE RIDES

Have you been for a bicycle trip around Lake Merritt lately? Remember that each Tuesday eight patients ride their bikes for a quick spin around the lake. It is reported to be lots of fun and good exercise for those muscles that you haven't used in the last few months. If you want to participate and go bicycle riding contact your Red Cross worker.

## Girls In White

Departed this week to civilian life was LTJG Florence S. Lane, NC, USN. Miss Lane, who spent most of her tour of duty here on 72A, has returned to her home in Pennsylvania where she will attend school this fall to get her degree in Public Health Nursing.

## Personnel Problems To Be Studied By Board

A Joint Army-Navy personnel board directed by Vice Admiral William M. Fechteler, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Personnel, will conduct a thorough study of Army and Navy pay scales, retirement benefits and survivor benefits. The Army-Navy study is planned to make a survey that will compare the pay of responsible officers with that of persons of similar responsibilities in private industry.

Also to be taken under consideration is the establishment of a survivors' benefit plan, much like that used in private industry, whereby the employee sets aside a certain portion of his pay, and the company contributes a like amount.

One of the main reasons for the survey is the Navy's desire to cur down the number of retirements and resignations of experienced officers. An aid in reaching that desire, the Navy feels, is to offer pay that is more equal to that of private industry.

In addition to the broad pay study several boards are studying hazardous-duty pay. The findings and recommendations of these boards will probably be included in the report, which will be submitted to the Secretary of Defense through the secretaries of the several services.

## G.I. Bill of Rights

The G.I. Bill rights of persons who entered service under the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945 and whose enlistment period extends beyond 25 July, 1947, are not affected by the law officially ending war hostilities as of the latter date. Veterans Administration said today.

These rights are loan guarantees for home, farm or business purposes, education and on-job training, and readjustment allowances for unemployment and self-employment.

Those who enlisted or reenlisted within one year of the 6 Oct., 1945 approval of the Armed Forces Recruitment Act received statutory assurance that for the purposes of G.I. Bill benefits the period during which they could earn entitlement for the benefits would not expire until the end of their enlistment.

## Chaplain's Corner

### ENTHUSIASM

Enthusiasm is faith in action. Faith and initiative combined can move mountains. Enthusiasm takes no account of prejudice and opposition, spurs inaction and delay, and overwhelms and engulfs opposition.

Enthusiasm can be a social, personal, and religious asset. It can help convert, convince, and win when armies of unenthusiastic people cause little more than a tremor of interest.

Get the infection of enthusiasm. Carry it in your attitude and manner. It will spread like an epidemic, and will influence the whole atmosphere about you. It will inspire hope and confidence in others. Get to work on your assigned duties—and be enthusiastic.

Adapted from 20th Century Christian.

Chaplain E. C. ANDREWS, USN



Introducing

Our Civilian Consultants . . .

Dr Russell Fletcher brings to Oak Knoll the benefits of nearly two decades of experience in treatment of the ear, nose, and throat. When he joined the consulting staff a little more than a year ago, he needed no introduction to the compound. He had just completed an August 1945 to June 1946 tour of duty here as chief of the EENT department.

The doctor started life in Berkeley, attended schools there, and was graduated from the University of California in 1922. Four years later, Harvard Medical School, he received his MD. Returning to the Bay Area, he interned at Stanford University Hospital, San Francisco, and remained there for three years' specialty training. With his brother, Dr. Gold A. Fletcher, also an EENT



DR. RUSSELL FLETCHER

specialist, he practiced in San Francisco until the advent of war. Commissioned in the Navy in 1942, the medical officer's first assignment was a 19 months' tour of duty at the Long Beach Dispensary. He was subsequently assigned to the San Diego Repair Base and then to this hospital, where he directed treatment of the many casualties received in the months that followed V-J Day.

In 1945, with publication of his article, "Detection of Malingering in Deafness" in *Annals of Otology*, Dr. Fletcher made a significant contribution that is now nationally accepted and generally used in civilian practice. In that study the otolaryngologist (ear and throat specialist) examined the use of an audiometric device to determine whether deafness was genuine or alleged. In the service, it was observed that many men, eager to serve, denied deafness; an equal number claimed hearing loss in the hope of being granted an early discharge. In civilian life the problem arises chiefly in cases where patients are attempting to collect compensation following an accident.

The former Navy commander is now a member of the staffs of Cowell Memorial Hospital on the UC campus, Alta Bates and Herrick Hospitals in Berkeley, and Children's Hospital of the East Bay. He maintains a private practice in Berkeley, with offices at 2298 Durant Avenue.

Equally important to him is the establishment he maintains on Piedmont Avenue—the home he shares with Mrs. Fletcher, Isabel, age 10; Paul, 9; and Ben, 5.

Ugliness is a point of view; an ulcer is wonderful to a pathologist.—O'Malley.

Here and There

PATRICK seems to be the first man in these parts to take to the short pants style. Take care, fellow, or you'll be catching an ankle "cold."

Easy, GARULE, don't get fouled up.

SANDEEN, not satisfied with daylight "fright" time, has taken to zooming with the bats.

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Mrs. Louise Barr, medical librarian, finds things rather quiet at Oak Knoll. She recently returned from a trip to Salisbury, Maryland. While there, she gained nation-wide publicity by winning a tug o' war with a would-be purse snatcher. "All Mrs. Barr did," the AP dispatches said, "Was to keep a firm grip on her purse and shout the only word she could think of. It was 'No! No! No!'"

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With more and more women wearing slacks the mistake made in O.P.D. recently is understandable.

It seems that a plumber was needed in O.P.D. last week and Public Works dispatched one of their plumbers to remedy the trouble.

While walking through O.P.D. his excessive adipose attracted the attention of one of the staff who, without first determining the sex, believed that the case was an emergency and began to usher the man into the doctor's office. It was there that he realized, after bass-voiced protestations on the part of the plumber, that a mistake had been made.

You can rest assured that this was one instance that the plumber completed his job—regardless of his lack of tools—and left in a hurry. Perhaps against medical advice?

Navy Shifts Dental Responsibilities

(SEA)—Dental activities of the Navy are now under the command of Dental Corps rather than Medical Corps officers, the Navy Department announced.

The changes set up a new dental department aboard ships of the Fleet, specify that a Dental Corps officer shall be head of the dental department on each ship and station, and provide that Dental Corps officers shall command such activities as naval dental schools, base and post dental detachments, separate dental clinic and dental technician schools.

Previously, dental matters were part of the Medical Department's function. The changes also provide that the professional examining board which passes on appointees to the grade of assistant dental surgeon shall consist of three officers of the Dental Corps. Also, a Dental Corps officer, if available, will conduct the professional examination for personnel enlisting for a dental technician rating.

Staff Members Exchange Vows



NUPTIAL VOWS were exchanged by two staff members—Winifred Biller, PHMI and David Earl Stearn, HA2—last Saturday in a formal wedding in the station chapel, with Catholic Chaplain B. T. Poznanski officiating. Attendants, not shown in the picture were Ruth Ford, PHMI; Ann Bolis, PHMI; D. G. Denison of Modesto and altar boy Ray Rumel, HA1.

Fun Follies Show Next On Recreation Agenda

Top entertainment comes to Oak Knoll October 2 and 3 when USO Camp Shows hospital circuit present FUN FOLLIES, a combination of comedians, singers, novelty acts and GIRLS.

Nationally known personalities, top radio singers—whose beauty certainly deserves television—and ace novelty acts team together to provide 60 speedy minutes of laughs and melody.

Harry Martin, the show's Emcee, used to pal around with actors who thought he was funny. So he decided to go into the show business and find out how the public reacted to his pantomime. He was an immediate hit, particularly with New Yorkers, who saw him at the Palace and other theaters.

In addition to Martin, Fun Follies cast includes: Harrison & Ross, comedy dancing; Harry Hines, comedian; Carlton Cowen, ventriloquist; McFarland & Brown, comedy knock-about;; Ester Bilek, accordionist; Caroline Hutchinson, pianist; McCall Sisters, singers and the Pitchons, a singing act.

CONNECTICUT HOT SPOTS

(SEA)—Sinners got a taste this summer of what the underworld might be like. One day this past summer, the weatherman turned on the heat in these Connecticut towns:

Devil's Den — 97 degrees; Devil's Hopyard—94; Satan's Kingdom—98; Furnace Hollow — 93. There wasn't any comfort in the Lord's Corner or Promised Land, either—the thermometer bubbled at 96 and 97 degrees, respectively, at these two towns.

Quest For Queen At Oak Knoll Ends

The din that fell on Oak Leaf's ears was not caused by the clamor for recognition but by the tympanic vibrations of a vacuum. Thus, Oak Knoll's plea that the charms of its loveliest be made known to the world was ignored.

Oh why, pretty maidens, did you refuse to speak? Were you being mindful of Ovid when he said,

"To have a tongue and not to use it,

Is woman's most effective charm." For shame!

The wailing wall calls to Oak Knoll's stalwarts to hie themselves and bemoan that theirs is a station devoid of eligible pretties.

Alas!! Alas!

Your spoken word may have been the impetus needed to tilt the star and so gather your share of star dust. But now—For want of a queen a contest was lost.—For want of a contest a career was lost—and so spells obscurity.

And so quoth the Oak Leaf—Nevermore!!

Girls In White

Departing this week was LTJG Gladys R. Clary, NC, USN to civilian life. Mrs. Clary, who was Miss Komenda before her marriage, worked in the special diet kitchen during her year here.

LCDR Lillian E. Seale, NC, USN was here for a short time last Tuesday enroute from USNH, Aiea Heights to U. S. Naval Medical Center, Bethesda. Many may remember Miss Seale; she was here for two years prior to January of this year.



# Sportin' Around

By Ship's Editorial Association

**SHORT NOTES:** The Naval Academy team is going in for travel in future grid contests. The slate through 1950 calls for games with California, Southern Cal, Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, Georgia Tech, an unnamed Southwestern school and Notre Dame. All that and some Eastern opponents, too.

**BACK PROFILE VIEW:** George Case, one of the speediest ball players of his day, is on the voluntarily-retired list. A 10-year veteran of the majors, Case will undergo an operation on his spine soon. Case led the American League in base-stealing for five consecutive years—a record. George holds the speed record for circling the bases, and has never been beaten in numerous straight-away races, except by Jesse Owens, Olympic star.

George once did 100 yards in base-ball uniform in 9.9 seconds. In 1943, Case was one base behind Wally Moses of the White Sox for pilfering honors. There were but two games left to play. Undaunted, the fleet outfielder snatched five sacks in two days to set a new modern record of 61 for a season, as well as win the title.

Quipped Manager Jimmy Dykes about Case, "He's fast. They tell me when he sleeps, he's fast asleep."

Our column about various conditions under which records are set brought some interesting comments from Navy men. William Foss, CY, USN, tells us that the time of day has a lot to do with the setting of ice-skating records. The ice, it seems, gets too soft after the sun has been out for half a day, and slows down the skaters. Most records have been set in the forenoon.

Then, he adds, the place counts, too. At Davos, Switzerland, the ice in the morning hours is faster than any place in the world. Four existing world speed records have been established there.

## Keglers, Attention!!

Plans are being formulated for an intramural bowling league in the very near future at this hospital for the benefit of the patients and staff. There will be a separate league for the staff and patients. Appropriate prizes will be awarded the winning team in each league. All hands interested should contact the manager of the Bowling Alley today.



# Movie Schedule

Sunday 21 September
<b>KISS OF DEATH</b>
Victor Mature—Brian Donlevy
<b>Aladdin's Lamp</b>
News
Monday 22 September
<b>OUR HEARTS WERE GROWING UP</b>
Dianna Lynne—Gail Russell
<b>Unusual Occupations No. 6</b>
Tuesday 23 September
<b>RED STALLION (Color)</b>
Robert Paige—Ted Donaldson
<b>Crazy With the Heat</b>
Wednesday 24 September
<b>STORK BITES MAN</b>
Jackie Cooper—Gene Roberts
<b>Blondes Away</b>
Thursday 25 September
<b>HAL ROACH COMEDY CARNIVAL (Color)</b>
Walter Able—Frances Rafferty
Friday 26 September
<b>MOTHER WORE TIGHTS (Color)</b>
Betty Grable—Dan Dailey, Jr.
News
Saturday 27 September
<b>NO TIME FOR COMEDY</b>
Rosalind Russell
<b>Rhapsody Rabbit (Color)</b>

## INTERMISSION

By Ships' Editorial Association

**FLICKERINGS:** It was Old Sports Week in Hollywood recently as Tommy Harmon and his wife, actress Elyse Knox played host to Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard, West Point grid immortals . . . Harmon was something more than a novice on the gridiron when he played for Michigan U. . . . Ginny Simms returns to the microphone on the "Pause That Refreshes On the Air" program originating from New York when she sings with Percy Faith and his orchestra. . . .

**FILMS TO BE RELEASED:** "Her Husband's Affairs" with Lucille Ball and Franchot Tone—a merry mix-up . . . "Relentless" with Robert Young and Marguerite Chapman. Sounds like a thriller . . . "Black Gold" with Anthony Quinn. It's the engrossing story of the race horse of that name which won the Kentucky Derby for its unknown owner . . . Two Larry (Al Jolson) Parks' pictures are due to be released—"Down to Earth" with Rita Hayworth, an extravagant musical, and "The Swordsman" with Ellen Drew, a two-fisted account of swordplay in Scotland.

**SOUND TRACKINGS:** Gale Storm, who is cast in many Westerns, spends her spare time helping her husband and a group of cowboys round up cattle on an Arizona ranch. She plays a tenderfoot in her next picture . . . Average weight of the crew shooting "The Mating of Millie"—Evelyn Keyes and Glenn Ford starring—went up five pounds in 15 days. A three-layer cake must be baked daily for the scenes and the crew splits what is left after the scene is shot.

# Dancer Dazzles Happy Hepcats



Dancers crowd bandstand to watch one of Charlie Barnet's entertainers at recent dance held in the station auditorium, 11 September.

## Welcome and Farewell Latest on the Cagers

Leaving Oak Knoll with our best wishes for smooth sailing are O. L. Ruhlow, CPHM; R. E. Marundee, PHM3; G. H. Lewis, PHM2; F. M. Hatton, PHM3; F. E. Lau, PHM3; C. A. Parnell, PHM3; J. N. Morris, PHM3; R. T. Liggett, HA1; W. C. Hager, HA2; and W. P. Jones, HA2. Chief Ruhlow's next tour of duty will be Skaggs Island. Instruction in motion picture operation at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, is for Marundee. To Mare Island Hospital go Hatton, for duty, and Hager and Jones who will attend dental school. For further transfer Lewis is off to Y.B.I. Parnell, Morris and Lau are heading east for dental school at the Great Lakes Hospital. Liggett will work with a mobile x-ray unit which covers the 12th Naval District.

Civilian duty is for G. H. Waddle, PHM3; W. D. Rappe, PHM3; R. D. Wiggins, PHM3; J. H. Crane, PHM3; C. Holmes, PHM3; B. E. Bannister, HA1; R. C. Bowen, HA1; E. L. Frank, HA1; J. A. Bagwell, HA2; D. E. Stern, HA2; and W. E. Underhile, HA2. Good luck!

Aboard for duty are Homer C. Ballard, PHM1; Mary J. Miller, PHM3; P. A. Jentzch, PHM3; Jesse C. Lambert, HA1; Milton C. Major, HA2. Miller is to spend her two weeks reserve training cruise here. Major is not new to Oak Knoll as he spent some time on the staff before turning in on the sick list at St. Albans Naval Hospital while on leave.

## Buy • Sell • Rent

**FOUND**—Packet containing several pictures. Left in blue Ford convertible. One is of a man, woman and youngster in a boat named Virginia. Contact Oak Leaf.

**FOR SALE**—1934 Chrysler, new paint job, motor just reconditioned, good tires, \$225. Contact D. R. Cherry HA1, Ward 51B.

**FOR SALE**—G. E. washing machine. Complete, large size, perfect condition. \$75. Call Ex. 177, Mrs. Evans.

**FOR SALE**—Westinghouse electric table top range; 3 burners. Prewar model never used. Price \$85. Call Mrs. H. Hirshland SW 8-7209.

**FOR SALE**—Speed Graphic, 3 1/4 x 4 1/4, Anniversary Model. Complete with all attachments and carrying case. \$325. Weston Master II lightmeter \$25. Not second hand. Contact Ens. Jenkins, Ward 40B, room 4.

Forty-eight men reported for practice Monday evening in hopes of making the squad of Oak Knoll basketball team. Although it is too early to make any predictions, Coach Phillips and Dr. Henn comment that there has been quite a bit of talent shown so far, and a good strong team is expected.

A contract has been signed with the Modesto Junior College for basketball games to be played there on the 10th and 15th of November. Tentative games are planned with all of the Junior Colleges within a radius of sixty miles, and offers have been made to Stanford University, California and College of the Pacific.

Home games will be played at Calmont High School, and there will be no admission charge for any of the games. In view of the good competition that our boys will be playing, it is expected that there will be a capacity house for every game.

The only returning cagers from last year's Knollites are Jack Cullin, forward; Renau, a flashy center, and Saunders. Gilbert Greiter and Quinlan are standout players who were transferred from Treasure Island. There are many other players that have shown considerable ability and will make it a tough job for Dr. Phillips and Dr. Henn to decide on their first string.

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## President Designates Fire Prevention Week

The week beginning 5 October, 1947 has been designated Fire Prevention Week by the President of the United States.

In designating this week the President stated, "I earnestly request every citizen to eliminate all possible causes of destructive fire in his home and in his place of business, and I urge that vigilance against fire be extended beyond Fire Prevention Week and zealously continued throughout the year. I invite State and local governments, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the National Fire Waste Council, the American National Red Cross, business and labor organizations, churches and schools, civic groups, and agencies of the press, the radio, and the motion-picture industry to cooperate fully in the observance of Fire Prevention Week with the objective of initiating a fire prevention campaign continuing throughout the year. I also direct the appropriate agencies of the Federal Government to assist in every feasible way in arousing the public to the seriousness of the fire problem."

During Fire Prevention Week, Oak Knoll will show a short movie on the aspects of fire and its prevention following the regular feature in the auditorium.

## War Widows, Children Entitled to Aid

According to a recent Veterans' Administration announcement, many widows have come to light in which eligible widows and dependent children of deceased veterans are not aware of the assistance available to them under the California Veterans' Dependents Educational Act. Those who are eligible are widows and children of veterans who died as a result of service-connected disabilities. The aid is paid at the rate of \$20 per month for attendance at high school or the equivalent, and \$40 a month for attendance at schools above high school grade.

Adequate money is available to continue the dependent's assistance indefinitely, since the funds come from a continuing appropriation of the lands revenues and no general appropriation of the Legislature is required.

Widows may apply for the assistance without regard to age, but applications of children of veterans will be accepted only between the ages of 18 and 21. Once enrolled, assistance to children may be continued until completion of a prescribed course or until the age of 27.

## Many "Old-Timers" On Civilian Staff

Four hundred seventy-eight civilian workers are now on Oak Knoll's payroll according to figures released this week by LTJG B. I. Brecheisen, HC, USN, civilian personnel officer.

In practically every department and office, civilians and Navy personnel have shared the responsibility for the smooth management of the hospital since it was commissioned in July, 1942. During the war years, civil service workers were recruited in great numbers all over the country—they were the "men and women behind the men behind the guns." Today they continue to work in the best interests of the Navy, at the same time valuing their jobs for their comparative security and for the advantages offered by government employment.

### SERVICEMEN NOW CIVILIANS

It is interesting to note that 26 members of the civilian staff were at one time attached to this activity as Naval personnel, many of them working in positions similar to those they now hold. In this group are Fred Rudolph, laboratory clerk; John H. Miller, chief laundryman; Lewis Crenshaw and Harry Storan, laundrymen; Robert E. Quinlan, Robert Amburgey, Ted Newcomb Earl Dodson, and Ralph A. Zobel, firefighters; Merritt Smith, public works; Frank Hillaker and Norman Standlee, power house; Henry T. Topritzhofer, medical storeroom; Joe Jackson, small stores; and Cecil C. Lee, butcher shop.

Six of the compound's cooks got their start here while still in uniform. They are George Flower, John Waring, Austin Robinson, Lee E. Robinson, Raymond Frizell, and Lovey Burney. Mess attendants who have "dished up chow" both in and out of uniform are Q. P. Boykin, Harry Hammond, John M. Penn, and Willie Adams.

### FORMER WAVES RETURN

Dorothy Thompson, information specialist, is the only former WAVE on Civil Service payrolls, but two other ex-Oak Knoll pharmacists mates are employed here. Dorothy Matesich is secretary-bookkeeper for the Recreation Department; Helene Peters Davis was recently added to the Ship's Service clerking staff. Robert E. Bost, manager of Ship's Service, and La Grande Peterson, service station attendant, were both on duty at the Marine Detachment here during the time they were in the service. Judson Joyce, manager of the pressing shop, another Ship's Service employee, was assigned here

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The Commanding Officer and Miss Marie Adams, ARC Field Director, extend Oak Knoll's welcome to Dr. Li-Chow Tang.

## Chinese Red Cross Representative On Tour Of Country, Visits Oak Knoll

In order to see the American Red Cross set-up in a Naval hospital Dr. Li-Chow Tang, surgeon and Director of Medical Administration, Chinese Ministry of health, came to Oak Knoll last Monday. In company with Miss Marie Adams, local ARC Field Director, he visited wards and departments of the hospital and had conferences with various Red Cross groups regarding their work here.

Dr. Tang's interest in Red Cross dates from the beginning of the last war when the fall of Shanghai forced him out of the Medical College in that city, where he was professor of surgery. Almost immediately he became Field Director of Medical Relief Corps of Chinese Red Cross.

In China the Red Cross has its own doctors and nurses who work in units attached to the military; and it was Dr. Tang's privilege to work with 160 of these units. At first their medical supplies were received mostly from the South Pacific, but later quantities of quinine, atabrine and sulfa were sent from many countries, including the United States, and were flown over the Hump to headquarters at Kweiyang in the Yangtze River area. Though not completely adequate these medicines were sufficient to stave off epidemics.

In 1942 Dr. Tang became Acting Director General of the Chinese Red Cross and held that appointment until his promotion in 1945 to Vice Secretary General, the position he holds today as a volunteer worker.

On 3 October, the Chinese doctor will sail for his native land—Nanking,

### FLASH!!

Be on the lookout for Groucho Marx who will make an appearance here Monday, 6 October. He will visit a number of wards and conclude his stay with a stage show in the auditorium at 1900. The well-known Hollywood composer, Walter Jurmann, heads the list of celebrities who will appear with Groucho.

in particular, where he will join his wife, four sons and daughter. It will have been three months since he left Shanghai by plane for Europe, thence from London to New York, and across country to the West Coast.

Surgeon that he is, the seemingly unlimited equipment of hospitals, both Army and Navy, have been of extreme interest to him. And almost everywhere he has been astounded at the full program carried on by the American Red Cross, especially the scope of recreational and social welfare activities.



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## Sportsmanship

On the football field, in the stands, on the streets, in the harbor—everywhere today the Navy is on parade.

When the tense intersectional gridiron battle opens this afternoon in Memorial Stadium, 80,000 people—young and old—will be on hand to watch two powerful teams exploit tactics learned in training. On the field eleven midshipmen will represent the fighting spirit of 350,000 bluejackets—officers and men. In the stands 20,000 of us still in uniform will join with hundreds more who but recently wore the Navy blue, as participants in a colorful spectacle. And we all have a duty to perform, each of us a team within ourselves, as it were.

As the middies who wear the blue and gold on the gridiron, so are we in our Navy blue with rate or rank insignia, exponents of Navy training and discipline. Each of us is a CENTER on the great field of General interest, and, in a large measure, control the ball of Public Opinion.

During World War II the Navy's reputation gained tremendous "yardage." It is up to us to GUARD that advance. What we do, what we say at the game, on the streets, and in cafes afterwards, will reflect immeasurably on that reputation. The decision must remain in our favor!

Like a good END, it is our duty to "intercept" adverse criticism of the gossip-monger and the misinformed by positive sportsmanlike conduct. Foul language, intoxication, questionable decorum are "fumbles" by which we lose the yardage we have gained. But from the crowds will come cheers if we TACKLE our job of "holding the line" of a good reputation with pride and enthusiasm—elements when spontaneous in ourselves, readily transfuse into those about us. Our uniforms are a symbol of a great fighting team; let us wear them proudly and with honor.

Then, should that high school boy at the game or on the streets be drawn to the sea for a career, or that ex-sailor yearn to return to his ship, and thousands of Bay Area citizens "yell" for the Navy—then we will have made a QUARTERBACK plunge over the goal line and chalked up another score for a great Coach—the UNITED STATES NAVY!

## Divine Services

<b>Protestant:</b> Chaplain—E. C. Andrews Sunday— Divine Service.....1100 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month. The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.	<b>Christian Science:</b> Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
<b>Catholic:</b> Sunday Mass—0630, 0900 Daily Noon Mass. Confessions before Mass.	<b>Jewish:</b> Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings

Have you been taking advantage of the Arthur Murray Dancing classes each Monday afternoon at the Red Cross lounge from 2:00 until 4:00? Two Arthur Murray teachers come out each Monday to teach the patients beginning ballroom dancing, more advanced dancing, or even how to rhumba, tango, or jitterbug. So all you prospective Fred Astaires come on down to the Red Cross lounge on Monday afternoons from 2:00 until 4:00.

### CAMERA CLUB NEWS

That new dark room for the camera fans is really going strong these days. It is open on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 until 4:30, and on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7:00 until 9:00 o'clock. Good new supplies are coming in all of the time for you to use, so come on down to the dark room and develop, print, and enlarge your pictures.

It is hoped that on October 1 or 2, a group of patients will be able to attend the big photographic conclave in San Francisco where a great many new camera supplies will be on display and where there will be demonstrations of new equipment and techniques. Watch the Camera Club news for this trip.

### ATTENTION!!

All ye chess and checker experts. We really have some keen competition lined up for you. Seven students from California School for the Blind, players on their chess and checker tournament team, will be visiting our hospital regularly every Friday night to be partners with you patients. Any of you interested in a complicated, stiff game, or if you wish to "brush up" your techniques, or learn as a beginner, see your Red Cross worker. We'll be glad to make the necessary arrangements.

**WATCH** — for the 80 new Gray Ladies beginning their training, who will be visiting the wards in two weeks, in addition to the ever-faithful crew we now have.

**S.O.S.**—patients qualified as 16mm movie operators—or interested in being trained as operators for ward movies—see your Red Cross worker, or call the Red Cross office.

## Rock To Commemorate War Dead of Elmont, N.Y.

A boulder from Corregidor, moved from the trail along which several thousand American and Filipino armed forces personnel were marched as prisoners of the Japanese in June 1942, arrived at the Oakland Naval Supply Center last week for shipment to New York. The stone is being sent to the Community Church in Elmont, New York, to be inscribed with the name of its war dead.

The arrival of the stone in this country climaxes a series of events beginning in May when the Secretary of the Navy received the request from Reverend G. A. Schnel of Elmont for such a stone. The request was transmitted to the Commander of the U.S. Naval Forces Philippines, who in turn made arrangements with local Army authorities for removal of the rock. In July Naval personnel and civilian workers removed and brought to the naval station the 6000 pound stone. It was found along the trail over which captured personnel had carried, pack animal fashion, the mountain of supplies and materials which came into Japanese hands with the fall of Corregidor.

The stone left Corregidor aboard the USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, August 18, was transferred to the USS GENERAL MANN when the ships met in Guam. The MANN discharged her cargo at the Naval Supply Center, Oakland.

The rock left for the overland trip to New York last week.

### NSLI DEADLINE EXTENDED

(SEA) — Deadline date for reinstatement of National Service Life Insurance policies without a physical examination has been extended from 1 Aug 1947 through 31 Dec 1947. It was announced by BuPers Circ. Ltr 148-47 (NDB, 15 August).

In the event that reinstatement involves term insurance, only two months' premiums must be paid—one for the month of grace following the date of the policy's lapse, and one for the month in which reinstatement is effected.

If the policy is a permanent plan type, applicants must bring to date all back premiums, together with accrued interest.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

The aged guide pointed his cane at a weatherbeaten tombstone and said, "That's the grave of Aaron Burr. His grandfather was once president of Princeton here, but Aaron was a traitor!" And thus he summed up, in two sentences, the life of a brilliant man who in many respects served his country well, but in the end turned traitor.

In the Bible we find records of those who committed such acts of infamy that their names have been associated with evil from that time to this. When we hear the name "Judas" we think immediately of betrayal and grasping greed. One of the Simons of the Bible made a proposal of such shocking cheapness and disregard of spiritual values that his name was coined into "simony," to describe the act of buying or selling ecclesiastical preferment. To this day his name bears the stain of his infamy. What a bloody name is "Herod," and how "Pilate" stands for cowardly weakness!

How priceless is the value of a name, your name! Guard it from being shielded from being linked to that which is evil. Let your life be so lived that your name stands for integrity, sincerity, unselfishness, and Christlikeness.

How unspeakably precious to the ears of the believer is the sound of the Name of names, Jesus Christ.

Adapted from a Religious Publication  
Submitted by B. T. Poznanski, Catholic Chaplain



## Introducing

### Our Civilian Consultants . . .

Dr. Arthur Holstein, orthopedics consultant, might easily be dubbed the "Connecticut Yankee" who heeded the call, "Go West, young man, go West." After 3½ years with the Navy following his Eastern training, the doctor, native of Waterbury, Connecticut, is now permanently established in San Francisco with professional connections in five Bay Area medical institutions. He is consultant in Research Anatomy at UC Hospital and member of the staffs of Herriek, Permanente and Highland Hospitals in Oakland.

When the last war broke in Europe Dr. Holstein was in the midst of his residency at the Hospital for Joint



DR. ARTHUR HOLSTEIN

Diseases, New York completing specialized training in a field which had won his interest as a medical student at Temple University and later as an interne in King's County Hospital, Brooklyn. His first duty as a naval officer turned out to be but a stepping stone to the forward theater of action in the Atlantic; for after only a few weeks at St. Albans Hospital, Long Island, he received orders to Milford, Wales, as Chief Orthopedist. There he helped to build the U.S. Naval Hospital which was completed one year before D-day. First patients received there were Army paratrooper and glider casualties from the Normandy invasion.

End of European hostilities brought the doctor orders for immediate transfer to the Pacific Area with Headquarters on Guam. There, in Fleet Hospitals 103 and 111, he treated bone casualties from the Okinawa campaign and subsequent battles to the end of the war.

"The type of casualties was no more the same," observed Dr. Holstein. "In the European theater explosions from light craft and floating mines yielded bone-crushing injuries; while in the Pacific, kamikaze attacks caused multiple-fragment wounds."

Just before being ordered to inactive duty the lieutenant drew his longest State-side duty—eight months at Shoemaker.

An active man professionally, the doctor is likewise active in sports. From a college record of "three letter man" (football, wrestling and track), he now follows a recreation program which includes swimming, sailing and badminton.

Men have to find truth; not because it is lost, but because they are lost.—Ivan Panin.

## Here and There

Again Cupid's darts struck two staff members—William H. Ardeson, PHM2, and Ruth Kirkpatrick, PHM2. They exchanged nuptial vows last Saturday in a quiet ceremony in Oakland.

How many of you are taking advantage of the free entertainment provided and arranged by the recreation department?

This word comes straight from an authentic source — the calendar. There are but 69 shopping days 'til Christmas.

Famous last words department: I won't stand that watch!

Incidentally, do you know that you will no longer be entitled to free postage after 31 December?

Did you know that the bandage rolling group with Edna Mae Brown in charge is still hard at work on Tuesdays from 1000 to 1500? These bandage rolling groups feel that even though the war is ended their job isn't finished so long as Naval Hospitals are filled with war casualties.

### Girls In White

Departures this week were LT. Helen P. Traub, NC, USN and ENS Cecelia J. Shea, NC, USN. Both were detached for duty to U.S. Naval Hospital, Aiea Heights, T.H. Miss Traub, a dietician, has been on duty in the diet kitchen since her arrival here six months ago from Seattle. Miss Shea, whose specialty is neuropsychiatric nursing, spent most of her year here in the NP department.

Many thanks to Misses Allem and Bradley for the bridge party they sponsored last week. An enjoyable evening it was. Refreshments, prizes and lively conversation were the order of the evening. Who is going to sponsor the next one?

That lovely red foliage in the gully on the way to the Nurses' Quarters is poison oak. Please Beware! There are two things on this station we leave alone: one is the above and the other is that cute black kitten with the white stripe down its back.

### NAVY CONVERTING

(AFPS) LONDON — Rockets will replace 16-inch guns as the main weapons of the newest battleships "in a year or two," in the opinion of the editors of Jane's Fighting Ships, authoritative directory of world naval power. The 1946-47 edition, just published, says both Britain and the United States are revamping their navies for a possible era of atomic warfare.

## Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll welcomes aboard for duty, Harold J. Skov, CPHM, who comes here from the School of Administration in Bethesda, and C. J. Stevenson, PHM2, who reported from Hospital Corps School in Portsmouth.

Among the personnel who left for the U.S.S. Outside recently are, F. J. Mullarkey, HA1; J. W. Noreen, HA1; F. V. Sanelle, PHM3; W. M. Wright, PHM3; E. T. Floore, PHM3; R. E. Hade, PHM3; S. Carter, PHM3; D. F. Dye, PHM3; J. C. Goodell, Jr., PHM3; R. D. Gorman, HA2; J. N. Hamilton, HA2; O. C. Hanson, Jr., HA2; C. L. Jett, HA1; T. Just, HA1; C. E. McDowell, HA2; L. R. Lund, HA1; R. O. McNamara, PHM3; G. E. Meyers, HA1; W. T. More, Jr., PHM3; D. W. Sarazen, HA2; D. H. Strau, HA2; B. J. Talley, PHM3; L. B. Tower, PHM3; R. E. Trest, Jr., PHM3; and F. J. Poole, PHM1. LTJG D. C. Berntzen was the only officer separated from the service during the past week.

Departing for other stations for duty last week were, LTJG A. P. Creticas who left for Athens, Greece and is to report to Chief of Naval Group, American Mission to Greece; CAPT H. P. McCrimmon, detached to the U.S.S. Repose now in China; CDR R. S. Tandy, to USNAS Seattle; P. E. Thompson, CPHM, who went to Bethesda and H. M. Berggreen, CSKD, who reported to NAS Alameda.

### CIVILIAN STAFF ENJOY WORK HERE

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while serving in the Navy Hospital Corps.

That Oak Knoll is a good place to work is further indicated by the fact that 31 of the 478 civilians on the job today were employed during the first six months of the hospital's service. Nine of them reported for duty on commissioning day. They are Dorothy Hager, patient personnel; Genevieve T. Smith, property and accounting; Eva H. Premo, housekeeper; John W. Eslinger, pipefitter; William P. Gross, head engineman; Fred A. Robinson, head plumber; Alfred G. Pauli and Bernard Garcia, gardeners; and Chester L. Pierce, carpenter.

Other "old-timers" whose duty dates back to the hospital's first half-year of service, in order of their employment, are Patricia W. Nuttall, secretary to the Commanding Officer; Lois E. Wilson, secretary to the Chief of the Out-Patient department; Arthur N. Kerby, engineman; Steve Ball, caretaker at the Officers' Club; Olga Hillestad, Emma Neubauer, Essie L. Mullins, and Mabel G. Blaine, cooks; Margaret Amaral and Lillian P. Seaver, laundry workers; Louis V. Hernandez, gardener; Edwin Buker, pipefitter; Marian B. Reihl, payroll clerk; Grace W. McDonald, housekeeper; Hope Sink, staff personnel; Elizabeth Tom, legal office; La Rilda Holder, maid; Edna Bourdase, secretary to administrative assistant; Claire Martini, patient personnel; Mary Pacheco, janitress; Ladine Burton, laundry worker; Sena K. Hagness, janitress.

A gentleman is unconscious of the fact.

## Doctor's War Duty Rivals Film Thriller

The wartime duty of Oak Knoll's Chief of Pathology, CDR John S. Shaver, runs parallel to — and in some instances surpasses — the intrigue and adventure of a Hollywood thriller.

Recounting his experiences of the recent war, affable Dr. Shaver begins with the Pearl Harbor attack and destruction of the building—by a Jap plane — that housed the laboratory animals at USNH Pearl Harbor, where he was stationed 7 December, 1941.

Completing his tour of overseas duty in April, 1942, he returned to Bethesda and remained there until he volunteered for O.S.S. duty. Receiving orders he departed for Calcutta, India, where he reported to the Senior Naval Observer.

While in India he was part of a PT boat rescue crew that was sent on a 500-mile trip down the coast and over open water to pick up nine survivors of a B24 that had crashed. Short of its home base on the return trip, the boat ran out of gas and had to radio for assistance. The message was picked up by an Army plane and relayed to a nearby tug which proceeded to the PT boat's position and took it in tow for the remainder of the voyage.

Flying over the "hump" and into the interior of China in January, 1944, Dr. Shaver practically lost identity with the outside world. Donning the battle dress of a Chinese soldier, his facial features altered to resemble a native, and speaking their tongue he was absorbed into a Chinese guerrilla force as its medical officer and devoted the next 18 months to accompanying his men in their attacks against Japanese-held railroads and lines of communication.

Living off the land, his diet consisted mostly of rice. The meager food supply, together with the forced marches that were required during some phases of their operations against the enemy, caused Dr. Shaver's weight to drop to 105 pounds.

When relieved in the field by other bands of guerrilla forces, the comparative security of village life meant setting up a clinic to care for his men and the civilians, leaving the doctor little time of his own.

He was finally ordered to the States in July, 1945, with temporary additional duty orders. His route back covered the greater part of the world. His plane made stops in both the Near and Far East, Rome, Nice, Paris, Scotland, London, Greenland, and Iceland.

While he was attending a short course of instruction in police pathology in New York City, the war ended and his temporary additional duty orders were changed. In place of returning to China he was sent to duty aboard the U.S.S. Bountiful and was with that ship when it entered Tokyo Bay.

### SWANSON GOES TO EUROPE

(SEA)—Accompanying the House Armed Services Committee on its tour of inspection of Europe is Rear Admiral Clifford A. Swanson, MC, USN, Surgeon General of the Navy.

Said the sieve to the needle, "You have a hole in your head."



Sportin' Around

By Ship's Editorial Association

This, as they have said all over at many different times, is it. On 27 September, the 1947 football season will be underway. And what a way to start the greatest football season in history!

U.C.L.A. and Iowa meet on the opening day — and these are our Rose Bowl nominations for this year! L.S.U. and Rice meet on the opening day—and each of these teams will play in bowls on New Years Day. Dartmouth and Holy Cross, Columbia and Rutgers, Boston College and Clemson, Kansas and Denver, Alabama and Tulane, Georgia and North Carolina—titanic struggles to start a titanic season.

Villanova might surprise Army, but we'll have to stick by the Cadets. Boston College over Clemson. Brown over Connecticut. Columbia over Rutgers. Cornell over Lehigh. Holy Cross over Dartmouth. Wake Forest to topple Georgetown. Harvard over Western Maryland. Yale over Merchant Marine. Temple over N.Y.U. Illinois over Pittsburgh. Navy over California. Syracuse over Niagara. West Virginia over Otterbein.

In the Midwest, Indiana ought to take Nebraska's Cornhuskers. Kansas will squeeze by Denver. Marquette will top South Dakota. Michigan will swamp Michigan State. Washington will need the breaks—but they ought to surprise Minnesota. Ohio State over Missouri. Oklahoma over Detroit. Wisconsin over Purdue. And our long shot of the week—Iowa over U.C.L.A.

Down South, it's L.S.U. over Rice in a struggle of the colossals. Alabama just a wee bit better than Tulane. Duke over North Carolina State. Mississippi over Florida. North Carolina over Georgia. Georgia Tech over Tennessee. Mississippi State over Chattanooga. William and Mary over (how it hurts!) Davidson. Arkansas over North Texas State. S.M.U. over Santa Clara. Texas over Oregon.

And out West, Stanford will take Idaho, Oregon State will have a rough time but ought to down Utah. St. Mary's over Hawaii. Southern Cal ought to beat Washington State.

NEW YORK ANNOUNCES PROCEDURE FOR VOTING

The Division for Servicemen's Voting, State of New York, has requested that each resident of the State of New York now in the Naval Service inform that office of his military and residence address. This may be accomplished by addressing:

Division for Servicemen's Voting  
Department of State  
State of New York  
30 Lodge Street  
Albany 1, New York.

Among the requirements of the State of New York for voting by members of the armed forces are the following:

The applicant for a war ballot must be:

- (a) 21 years of age
- (b) a citizen of the U.S. for 90 days.
- (c) a resident of the State of New York for one year.
- (d) a resident of the county, city or village for four months.
- (e) a resident of the election district for 30 days prior to November 4, 1947.

Hellcat Schedule

The Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif., extends a cordial invitation to all Naval personnel, their guests and the public to attend the home games of the Hellcats. The games are played on the Concourse, Naval Air Station, Alameda.

Subject to changes the following schedule is announced:

- September 20—Mare Island, home.
- September 27 — Cal Ramblers, away
- October 4—San Francisco State, away
- October 11—Hamilton Field, home
- October 18—NAS, Whidbey Island, home
- October 25 — El Toro Marines, away
- November 1—NAS, Seattle, home
- November 9 — NAS, San Diego, away
- November 15—Mather Field, home
- November 22—Open, home.

Sports Quiz

(AFPS)—1. The pre-season starting backfield for the Chicago Rockets of the All-America Conference included Bill Daley, Elroy Hirsh and Bob Hoernschemeyer, each of whom played for two major universities. Name the schools.

2. Which one of the following never played first base for the Boston Red Sox: Lou Finney, Tony Lupien, Elbie Fletcher, Jimmy Foxx?

3. Spec Sanders, New York Yankee football ace, received little publicity while playing for Texas because of the fame of two other Longhorn backs. Name the two other 1940 and '41 Texas aces.

4. From the era of John L. Sullivan to the Joe Louis days, more heavyweight champions' given names began with the letter "J" than did not. How many can you name?

Buy • Sell • Rent

FOR SALE—Model "A" Ford, 1929, \$100. Contact A. V. Walker PHM2, Phone 280.

FOR SALE—Overstuffed Davenport and 2 chairs, Duncan Phyfe dining room mahogany set, maple dinette set. Walnut bedrm. set, twin beds, dressing table, chest of drawers, bedside table and bench. Maple bedroom set; bunk beds, desk, chest of drawers; Jenny Lind twin beds; white enamel stove, gas, 4 burners. Phone Ext. 179 or Oak Leaf Office.

FOUND — Pair rimless glasses in Franklin Optical Co. case. Owner contact Nurses Office in Adm. Bldg.

FOR SALE — Man's 18-karat gold ring; 3 large diamonds. Phone Blackmon PHM2, Ext. 292.

FOR SALE—Child's bike, 2-wheel, children's table and 2 chairs, scooter. All in good shape. Contact Allen, CBM, Phone 285.

FOR SALE—Taylor Tot, has had little use, removable handle. \$10. Call CPHM Middleton, Ext. 229.

INTERMISSION

(AFPS) — LESTER COWAN, Hollywood producer, recently announced that he intends to make a film on the life of the Marx brothers—all four at once. With Al Jolson's biography already filmed, and Eddie Cantor's life story on the line, filmland has come up with another pick of a famous name. Cowan is contemplating on putting a younger quartet of players in the film (a la "Jolson's" Larry Parks) and also work in the Marxes themselves. Who knows, Graucho might even wind up playing the part of his father.

DOLORES CASTEL, now playing the part of Bob Mitchum's barroom gal in the "Red Pony," is the girl who said "no" to Goering when he wanted her and her band to play for Hitler. . . . The coal-black stallion ridden by Errol Flynn in Warner Bros.' "Silver River, was doused with brilliantine every day to make it shine for the cameras. . . . Did you know that Ida Lupino's last name means "little wolf" in Italian? . . . The bobby soxers came up with a new name for singing cowboys of the cinema—"Saddlesore Sinatras." . . . Rural note: Roy Rogers received a fan letter from an elderly woman in the middle west who said, "May God bless you and make oats sweeter for Trigger." . . . Bob Hope will star as a sad horse player in the Paramount production "Sorrowful Jones," a Damon Runyon story.

GINNY SIMMS, singing star of CBS's "Pause That Refreshes," has been named the favorite Singer of 1947 by the annual convention of the Disabled American Veterans. In addition to being a frequent visitor to military hospitals, Miss Simms is president of a construction firm which has built 509 homes for veterans in California.

Occupational Therapy Has Personnel Change

The Hospital's Occupational Therapy Department had a change in personnel this week when Helen Hrubish replaced Rose Cezer, who left for an Army hospital in Hawaii recently.

Miss Hrubish has had extensive training and is an experienced therapist, having worked in that department at various Army hospitals, among them the hospital at Ft. Sam Houston, the Borden General at Chickasha, Oklahoma, and the Bruns General at Santa Fe.

Her home is in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and she received her occupational therapy training at the University of Illinois.

ANSWERS

- 1. Daley, Minnesota and Michigan; Hirsh, Wisconsin and Michigan; Hoernschemeyer, Indiana and Navy.
- 2. Fletcher.
- 3. Cowboy Jack Crain and Pistol Pete Layden. Both gained All-American mention. Crain as a broken field runner and Layden as a passer and punger.
- 4. Joe Louis, Jim Braddock, Jack Sharkey, Jack Dempsey, Jess Willard, Jack Johnson, Jim Jeffries, Jim Corbett and John L. Sullivan. And now you know what to name your children.

• Movie Schedule •

- Sunday 28 September  
**THE UNSUSPECTED**  
Joan Caulfield—Claude Rains
- Monday 29 September  
**THE BRIDE WORE BOOTS**  
Barbara Stanwyck-Robt. Cumming  
Sheep Shape (Color)
- Tuesday 30 September  
**MERTON OF THE MOVIES**  
Red Skelton-Virginia O'Brien  
Slap Happy Lion (Color)
- Wednesday 1 October  
**WHEN A GIRL'S BEAUTIFUL**  
Stephen Dunne-Adele Jergens  
Brideless Groom
- Thursday 2 October  
**OUT OF THE PAST**  
Robert Mitchum  
Wide Open Spaces
- Friday 3 October  
**GOLDEN EARRINGS**  
Marlene Dietrich-Ray Milland  
Marine Miracles (Color)  
News
- Saturday 4 October  
**A NIGHT IN CASABLANCA**  
Marx Brothers  
Football Thrills

Two Hospital Apprentices walk by carrying a third HA on a stretcher. "What happened to him?" asks a passerby.  
"Aw, he just came off galley duty."  
"Yeah? But that's not the way to sick bay."  
"Sick bay, hell, he's going on special watch."

Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity.—Aristotle.

WANTED: One equipment manager for the Hospital basketball team. Anyone interested contact Chief Alwood at the Athletic office.

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## Oak Knoll Follows Food Saving Plan

In compliance with President Truman's request of last Sunday for all Americans to engage in a voluntary rationing program, the Commanding Officer of this station has designated Tuesdays as meatless days and Thursdays as eggless days. Wednesday menus, too, will exclude poultry; and only one meal will include meat of any kind.

Without cutting down the caloric content of rations, menus will be devised to reduce use of bread, meat, butter and other fats. No bread will be served on a breakfast menu that includes hotcakes, French toast or coffee cake. Moreover, in order to insure a minimum of waste, galley personnel have been asked to decrease the size of initial servings and then give "seconds" to all who desire more food.

This order in no way applies to patients whose "special diets" require particular meats, eggs, or bread.

Inasmuch as the food rationing program outlined by the President is to extend for the "duration of the emergency," and therefore will be in effect on two forthcoming national holidays that will fall on a Thursday—Thanksgiving and Christmas—the eggless, poultryless day in those weeks will be changed to another weekday.

## Eleven Doctors Take USN Entrance Exams

Examination for entrance into the Medical Corps, U.S. Navy, were given this week—Monday through Thursday—to eleven lieutenants, junior grade, of the U.S. Naval Reserve. Of this group eight are on the staff of this hospital; namely, Lieutenants R. A. Alexander; R. A. Henn; V. Holmes; W. E. King, Jr.; W. S. Larsen; C. D. McMillan; L. V. Phillips; and J. R. Pollack, Jr.

Others taking the tests were LTJG J. P. Preisinger from the U.S.S. General Randall; LTJG D. R. Cruse from Marine Corps Headquarters, Department of the Pacific—both of whom were former Oak Knoll staff members; and LTJG R. E. Luehrs from Moffett Field.

These examinations—in three divisions: physical, written, oral and practical—were supervised by a local Examining Board composed of Captain G. F. Blodgett, senior member; CDR John S. Shaver, member, and LCDR R. W. Price, recorder. Written tests covered four major fields: Surgery, Medicine, Public Health and Medical Jurisprudence, and Gynecology and Obstetrics.

## Home Loans to Vets Investigated by VA

Veterans Administration guarantee loan officials have taken steps to counteract practices by some real estate operators and mortgage lenders which prevent veterans from getting the full benefit of their GI home loans, VA reported today.

According to Arnold A. Wilken, VA loan guarantee chief for California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii, VA has:

1. Warned veterans not to make any "side deals" in order to purchase over-priced homes with GI loans.

2. Requested mortgage lenders to curb the growing tendency of arbitrarily requiring veterans buying homes with the aid of GI loans to make down payments, despite the fact that the government guarantees the lender against loss for 50 per cent of the purchase price up to a maximum of \$4,000.

"Some veterans have paid out money in 'side deals' to close the purchase of over-priced homes," Wilken said. "In other words, the deal is to finance the home under a GI loan, apparently for the appraised value. Then the veteran pays a bonus or extra price to the seller."

### DOWN PAYMENT UNNECESSARY

"This is a risky practice for all parties concerned," Wilken said. "The law requires an independent appraisal of the 'reasonable value' of real estate purchased with a GI loan. This protects the veteran against over-priced property and the 'reasonable value' is the maximum price which can be paid under a GI guaranteed loan."

VA has sought to counteract the down payment policy by calling the attention of lenders to the fact that the fundamental purpose of the GI loan is to permit veterans to obtain 100 per cent financing covering their purchase or construction of homes.

VA officials have pointed out on numerous occasions that if veterans cannot get loans without putting down cash, then the GI Bill is not achieving its purpose and lenders are inviting a change in legislation which will accomplish the purpose, Wilken said.

The Veterans Administration has guaranteed a total of 96,739 GI home loans in California with a total value of \$756,764,000.

Wilken pointed out that the veteran has proven himself a good loan risk since only 15 loans have been defaulted to the extent that they resulted in claims against the government.

Similar examinations were held at this same time in Naval hospitals all over the United States.

## Station-wide Participation Urged As Chest Drive Gets Underway

Oak Knoll, in conjunction with city agencies, will open its Community Chest drive on 13 October, with Captain George H. Mills, DC, USN, being named local chairman of the committee appointed to collect contributions from both military and civilian personnel. A list of the appointed captains of committee units on the station was printed in yesterday's Plan of the Day and will again be posted on Monday.



Community Chest dollars, channeled into the community through 33 Red Feather services, bring tremendous satisfaction.

## MarCorps Changes Reenlistment Rules

(SEA)—A new reenlistment policy, designed to attract non-commissioned officers, has been adopted by the Marine Corps.

The new policy increases the time limit under which the non-commissioned officers may reenlist and still retain their former ranks. Under old policy, former officers or master sergeants who apply for reenlistment more than 90 days after separation from service had to reenlist as private first class.

These men may now be appointed to the rank of technical sergeant if they reenlist within two years. The sliding scale of reappointment also applies to non-coms in the lower class. Another feature of the new policy provides that former Marines who reenlist within 90 days after discharge may do so for a two-year period as well as for three- or four-year periods.

Commencing Sunday, 2 November and until further notice, Protestant Church Services will start at 1030 instead of 1100.

The Commanding Officer urgently requests all personnel aboard—both military and civilian—to give this drive their earnest consideration and support.

The Community Chest of Oakland, Emeryville, Piedmont, and San Leandro—now beginning its twenty-fifth year of service to the community—will conduct its annual fund appeal from October 13 to 30.

The ultimate goal of the 1947-48 campaign is \$1,102,000. This is the figure which represents the actual needs of the Chest and its 33 Red Feather Services.

Dr. W. Paul Reagor, chairman of the Chest's campaign, describes the Community Chest as "an organization established by the citizens of the community to obtain, through co-operative effort, those welfare objectives which could not be obtained alone."

### DEDICATED TO YOUTH

Community Chest group work services, dedicated principally to the community's youth of every race, creed and color, provide citizenship training, opportunities for recreation, adult guidance and companionship—all antidotes to youthful delinquency.

A goal of the October 13 to 30 campaign of the Community Chest is the continued expansion of community group work activity.

The Oakland Visiting Nurse Association, a Red Feather Service of the Community Chest of Oakland, Emeryville, Piedmont and San Leandro, during the first six months of this year made 3,116 visits to newborn infants, visited 1,101 prospective mothers and cared for 3,217 new mothers.

Sixty-three per cent of the Visiting Nurse Association's nursing hours are devoted to maternity services, both before and after the birth of an infant. A high percentage of this service goes to the wives of young veterans.

A goal of the Community Chest's October 13 to 30 campaign is sufficient funds to increase the staff of the Oakland Visiting Nurse Association from eight nurses to 13.

### EFFORTS COMBINED

Raising funds the Community Chest way, insures greater efficiency and economy of operation; conserves the time of the volunteers who are

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## Accident Prevention

Safety is a byword in the Navy today, For many years the Navy, other large departments of the Federal Government, and many of the large industrial concerns have waged war against avoidable accidents. Safety campaign after safety campaign has been conducted in order to indoctrinate employee and employer in the huge expense involved in "putting up" with accidents. It has been proven that 95 per cent of all accidents can be avoided with proper supervision and precautions.

The Secretary of the Navy has awarded the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, with a Certificate of Achievement in Safety for having maintained an outstanding safety program for the year 1946. Each person on the station can be justly proud of this award.

During 1946 the hospital reduced its industrial accident toll by 54 per cent or from 3 accidents per 100,000 man hours of work in 1945 to 1.5 accidents per 100,000 man hours in 1946.

The price of safety is eternal vigilance. This award does not eliminate the necessity of continued precautions. The most simple every day devices can hold in store a painful injury for the careless individual. A dish washing machine can inflict a severe scald; a slammed door can mean broken fingers; an overly waxed deck can result in a broken back.

The hospital's accident rate can still be reduced considerably by the strict observance of the most commonsense rules for accident prevention. "Be alert; Use your head; Stop accidents before they stop you."

A.P.M.

## Divine Services

<b>Protestant:</b> Chaplain—E. C. Andrews Sunday— Divine Service.....1100 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month. The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.	<b>Christian Science:</b> Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
<b>Catholic:</b> Sunday Mass—0630, 0900 Daily Noon Mass. Confessions before Mass.	<b>Jewish:</b> Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

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### "HIGHER GROUND"

A few years ago I was hunting in the Smoky Mountains. Near the top of a high ridge I found an old man sitting in the sun. He was looking down on the valley where he lived in a small log cabin.

"What brings you 'way up here?" I asked.

"Well," he replied, "it's like this. All my troubles are down in that valley. When I'm down there they seem awfully big. When I'm up here I see what a little bit of these big mountains my little valley is, and my troubles seem pretty small too."

Our troubles may look big when we keep our eyes on them constantly. But when we rest on the greatness of God, we are able to see that our little valley is but a tiny part of the great range of God's goodness and mercy.

Submitted by  
Chaplain E. C. Andrews, USN



Closely watching Mr. Atkinson transfer the fish from the jar to the Aquarium are Miss Betty Heath, Red Cross worker; R. H. Richards, veteran; F. Mastrucci, BM2 and E. T. Bridges, Sgt., USMC.

## Ship Fires Rocket For First Time

(SEA)—Another first was marked in the Navy records on 6 September, when a captured German V-2 rocket was fired from the deck of the 45,000-ton aircraft carrier U.S.S. Midway. This was the first time in history that such a large bombardment rocket has been launched from a ship or a moving platform.

The primary purpose of the experiment was to determine if larger bombardment rockets could be fired from modern carriers without impairing flight operations.

The launching, held several hundred miles off the East coast of the United States, was attended by leading military and civilian personnel in the field of guided missiles.

Following the test, Rear Admiral D. V. Gallery, USN, Assistant CNO for Guided Missiles, reported that all special devices designed for ship-board firing had functioned properly.

"The launching," stated Rear Admiral Gallery, "will mark the beginning of a new era in naval weapons."

The rocker was furnished the Navy by the Army's Ordnance Department and assembled by Army technicians at the White Sands Proving Grounds, Las Cruces, N.M.

Rear Admiral J. J. Ballentine, USN, commanded the task group conducting the operation, of which the U.S.S. Midway, under the command of Captain A. K. Morehouse, USN, was flagship.

## Freedom Train On Exhibition

(SEA) — One chief pharmacist's mate and 27 members of the Marine Corps were picked for the special detail guarding the document-laden Freedom Train on its year-long, 33,100-mile exhibition journey.

The train, which began its trip from Philadelphia, is carrying over 100 documents tracing the nation's history from the discovery of America to the formation of the United Nations. Among the cherished scripts are the Bill of Rights, Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and Jefferson's rough draft of the Declaration of Independence.

## Tropical Fish Find Haven In Ward 46B

Through the thoughtfulness of Mr. Lewis H. Atkinson, president of the San Francisco Aquarium Society, and members of the local Red Cross chapter, patients on Ward 46B can boast of having the only tropical fish aquarium on the compound.

On Sunday morning two weeks ago Mr. Atkinson, acting on behalf of all members of the Society, brought out the aquarium with a water capacity of 30 gallons. Because the water has to stand a few days to acquire the right temperature for tropical fish, he, at that time, filled the aquarium and planted it with a variety of green plants.

The following Thursday the fish gifts from private collections of Aquarium Society members, were presented. A variety of species and some unusual specimens were received, such as, those that carry their young in their mouths, those with "neon lights" on their backs, and still others with "V-shaped landing gear."

As a special favor to the patients on this ward, Mr. Atkinson made it possible for them to become honorary members of the National Aquarium Association, and personally he contributed a year's subscription to the aquarium magazine.

In order to perpetuate interest in this project and to encourage tropical fish hobbyists, one member of the San Francisco Aquarium Society will visit the hospital once each month to service and supervise the care of the gift.

## Blessed Events Come High

(AFPS)—So you want to get married? Then just one of the things you ought to know is that it cost \$10,000 to raise a child to the age of 18.

The figure was computed by the home economics department of Wayne University on the basis of elaborate surveys. The department found it costs that much to raise a child in a family of five with an income of \$2,500 a year.

Costs at birth are figured at \$2,000. After that, it's \$2,755 for food to 18 years; \$3,333 for clothing; \$1,111 for education; \$570 for incidentals and \$413 for health and recreation.



## Introducing

## Our Civilian Consultants...

A "must-see" for all members of the orthopedic staff was the arthroplasty performed here last Thursday by Dr. W. F. Holcomb, civilian consultant. Few junior medical officers had heretofore had an opportunity to witness the surgical formation of a hip joint, a comparatively new development in orthopedics.

The patient, a Navy dependent, had walked with stiffness and pain for years as the result of a childhood infection which caused the thigh and hip bones to grow together. The orthopedist first chipped the fused bones apart. Then, using sharply-grooved, cup-like instruments, he formed a ball-and-socket joint and fitted a vitalluminum cup into place to strengthen the joint and facilitate motion. It will be six weeks before the cast is removed and a longer



DR. W. F. HOLCOMB

before the patient is able to try the surgically-formed joint, but today she is comfortable and happy in the hope that she may have been relieved of the discomfort she has experienced practically all her life.

## Studied With Whitman

Dr. Holcomb's skill is the cumulative result of 23 years of practice in civilian life and in the Naval Reserve. He took his medical training at the University of California Medical School, receiving his MD in 1923. Following his internship there, he studied at the Hospital for Ruptured and Crippled in New York City under the late Royal Whitman, one of the world's greatest orthopedic surgeons. Upon completion of his fellowship, he returned to the Bay Area to establish a wide practice and reputation.

Just seven days after Pearl Harbor, Dr. Holcomb was commissioned in the Naval Reserve. He was one of the first three doctors to reach Pearl Harbor after the attack, and there in January he found plenty of work still to be done in his field. He was in charge of the Orthopedic Service at Pearl Harbor and later served as orthopedist for Mobile Hospital No. 2, Aleutians. Returning to stateside in September, 1943, the Navy captain became Chief of Orthopedics at Oak Knoll and was acting head of the Surgical Service here for a short time before being ordered to duty as medical officer aboard the USS Albatross in April, 1944. During the months that followed, the cruiser participated in the Solomons and Marianas campaigns, moved on to the Philippines, Borneo, and Okinawa, and finally to Japan, where the captain was in charge of evacuation

## Here and There

If today is the 11th, can payday be far behind?

Famous last words department: "Just one more drink and I'll leave."

Then we have the story about the two Chiefs who parked in front of a local pub and went in for a fast short one. It seems that the keys were left in the car and an hour or two later after draining that short one, they came out only find that someone had absconded with the car. Luckily they had other means of transportation—the two pink elephants graciously donated by the management.

Not to have to clean house for 3 whole days, and that by order too! Yep, Waves got that straight from the top! Reason: to give the Board of Ant Exterminators a chance to rid their quarters—and belongings—of the pesky California emmets.

That smiling graciousness of Miss St. Claire, new fountain manager in Ship's Service is indeed a worthy addition to the friendly workers already there.

Hats off to the one woman in Staff Personnel, Mrs. Sink, who proved during the World Series that she definitely knows her baseball.

Patients on Wards 66A and B are in a quandary. They can't understand why the doctors are such clairvoyants when it comes to football.

of prisoners from Wakyama in September, 1945.

## Practices in Oakland

Today, the bone specialist's practice still covers a wide territory. At his office, 2938 Webster Street, he mends fractures for Oakland residents. On Thursday he may be located at Oak Knoll—in surgery, the cast room or on the orthopedic wards. He is chief of Orthopedics at Merritt Hospital, consultant for Mills College Infirmary, attending orthopedist for Alameda County Institutions and a member of the staffs at Peralta, Providence, and Alameda hospitals. He also serves as president of the San Francisco chapter of the Northern California Orthopedic Society.

On rare days off the doctor enjoys sailing on the Bay—the sport that has been his favorite since boyhood. With him he takes his wife and daughters—Iris, 23, who is working for her master's degree in medical social service at UC, and Elizabeth, 20, a sophomore at the university.



Groucho Marx, assisted by Mrs. Marx, with Walter Jurmann at the piano, proves hilarious success in Ward 41A; the first stop on his rounds of the hospital during his recent visit.

## Reports From Capital

By Armed Forces Press Service

Plans are underway for inaugurating a new system of clothing allowances for enlisted men, with prospects that such a plan will be put into operation on July 1, 1948. Under an act of Congress approved 1 July, authority was given the President to prescribe the quantity and kind of clothing which should be furnished annually to members of the Armed Forces and to prescribe the cash allowance to be paid in any case where clothing is not so furnished.

Recruiting for Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard may be combined into one operation if proposals now being discussed are adopted. All services are presently below their designed total strength and enlistments are not up to quotas set.

Inadequacy of service pay has been cited by Secretary of Defense Forrestal as one of the reasons he has hesitated returning to the prewar practice of officers wearing civilian clothing while in duty at other than tactical military stations. In this same connection, the Air Force has, for the time being at least, shelved plans for a shift from the olive drab uniform to a distinctive blue uniform. Top-ranking officers in the air arm have decided that both the military budget and the income of Air Force officers would be burdened too severely by a uniform change at this time.

CAPITAL CAPSULE: If the Navy moves into the Pentagon alongside the Army and Air Force it can put to use its set of "unofficial" orders, circa 1942, for navigating the building's 16 meandering miles of corridors. The spurious Navy orders read:

"All personnel being moved will provide themselves with a sleeping bag, food and water for one week, iron rations, three extra pairs of shoes, a compass, a scout knife, a pistol and roller skates or a scooter. No motorized equipment or collapsible boats will be permitted. The War Department will issue walkie-talkies. . . . Cow bells will be issued as emergency equipment. Personnel are cautioned not to become panic-stricken. . . . Trained search parties will be on duty."

## New Show, 'Girl Crazy' Plays Here Oct. 16-17

A musical comedy in one act, "Girl Crazy," stops at Oak Knoll 16 and 17 October on its swing around their hospital circuit.

During the afternoons of their stay here the company, made up of 21 men and girls will be divided into two variety units, and will entertain in wards having the most bed patients. To cover as many wards as possible they will limit their vaudeville show to 25 minutes in each ward.

On the auditorium stage in the evening they will put on the George Gershwin musical, "Girl Crazy." Nostalgic Gershwin tunes such as, "Embraceable You" and "I Got Rhythm" will be heard in the revue along with many others.

The show depends entirely on the ingenuity of the players, as no scenery will be used; and the action in the four scenes will be explained by an announcer.

Leading men in the evening performance—Dan Harden and Buddy Boylan — will be masters of ceremony for the ward units, and Roberta Carlin and Muriel King, the musical's leading women and ingenue, will be featured soloists on the ward tours.

The units, working as a group, and being able to present both variety and musical entertainment, have proved so popular that Camp Shows is readying another company to work through hospitals of the Middle West in the same way.

## COMMUNITY CHEST

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the backbone of the campaign organization; and spares the citizen from being importuned for funds by each of the Red Feather Services.

"Everybody Benefits, Everybody Gives" is the slogan of the Community Chest. Statistics show that four out of ten families benefit directly each year from Red Feather Services. At the same time the entire community benefits when family unity is preserved, sickness is cured or prevented, young people are provided constructive activity, and the aged are given care.

Air is still free, but it costs more to be able to breathe it.



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## 12ND All-Stars Lose

On 25 September the All-Star team from the Sixth Army presented the opposition for a group of Navy All-Stars picked from the Twelfth Naval District. Jim Quinlan, representing Oak Knoll did not play.

Lee from Mare Island started the game on the mound for the Navy, but was relieved in the fifth inning after walking one batter, hitting another and allowing one hit. He was replaced by Addlebaugh from Moffett Field who was tagged for three hits and three runs before the side was retired.

Henderson from Alameda next went to the mound for the Navy and completed the game. Shaky fielding on the part of the Navy team allowed six more runs to cross the plate, making the final score Army 9, Navy 3.

## • Movie Schedule •

<b>Sunday, 5 October</b>
<b>HER HUSBAND'S AFFAIRS</b>
Lucille Ball—Franchot Tone
Swiss Tease (Color)
News
<b>Monday, 6 October</b>
<b>IN HOLLYWOOD</b>
Abbott and Costello
Part-Time Pal
<b>Tuesday, 7 October</b>
<b>BLACK GOLD</b>
Anthony Quinn—Katherine DeMille
Mickey's Delayed Date
<b>Wednesday, 8 October</b>
<b>I STOLE A MILLION</b>
George Raft—Claire Trevor
Wild West Chimp
The Singing Barber
<b>Thursday, 9 October</b>
<b>RAMROD</b>
Joel McCrea—Veronica Lake
<b>Friday, 10 October</b>
<b>HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY</b>
Walter Pidgeon—Maureen O'Hara
News
<b>Saturday, 11 October</b>
<b>MR. ACE</b>
George Raft—Sylvia Sidney
Cagey Bird (Color)

## Knoll Eleven Trampled In Season's First Tilt

Oak Knoll's newly commissioned football field was put to use for the first time 25 September when the Knoll eleven played host to a fighting flying aggregation from Moffett Field.

With sparkling ground plays and short bullet passes the boys from Moffett walked over Oak Knoll to the tune of 26 to 0. The local lads, coached by Chief Alwood, tried a few plays that with practice would have caused a great deal of trouble for the opposition, but the coordination that was needed was sorely lacking. Moffett started the scoring early and at the half the score stood at 12 to 0. Oak Knoll stopped a touchdown drive in the last few minutes of the first half when they halted the fliers' march on the goal line and took possession of the ball after the Air-dales' futile attempt to score on four successive plays.

Fresh replacements were sent in frequently for both teams, and the game progressed at a fast pace. Spates and Wilson were the stand-out players for the Knollites, blocking, kicking and running for the yardage that was gained by the local team.

With plenty of practice Oak Knoll should develop into one of the feared teams in the District. Score again—Moffett Field 26, Oak Knoll 0.

### CAGERS SHINE IN PRACTICE

Oak Knoll's cagers will have to complete the season without the aid of Coach Phillips who recently received his orders for Shanghai. The team has been sparkling in practice sessions, and it is still a toss-up as to who will comprise the first string for the season's first game.

## Buy • Sell • Rent

FOR SALE—Model "A" Ford, 1929, \$100. Contact A. V. Walker PHM2, Phone 280.

FOR SALE—Overstuffed Davenport and 2 chairs, Duncan Phyfe dining room mahogany set, maple dinette set. Walnut bedrm. set, twin beds, dressing table, chest of drawers, bedside table and bench. Maple bedroom set; bunk beds, desk, chest of drawers; Jenny Lind twin beds; white enamel stove, gas, 4 burners. Phone Ext. 179 or Oak Leaf Office.

FOR SALE — Man's 18-karat gold ring; 3 large diamonds. Phone Blackmon PHM2, Ext. 292.

FOR SALE—Child's bike, 2-wheel, children's table and 2 chairs, scooter. All in good shape. Contact Allen, CBM, Phone 285.

FOR SALE—Taylor Tot, has had little use, removable handle. \$10. Call CPHM Middleton, Ext. 229.

FOR SALE—White enamel table-top gas stove. Used three months. \$90.00. Ext. 177.

RIDE WANTED — To vicinity of Geneva and Bay Shore Highway, San Francisco (Midway Village), during liberty hours. Call J. C. Weeks, Y3, Ext. 285.

## Sportin' Around

(SEA)—With results still unknown from the first week's tiffs, we'll head into our second session hoping to avoid gridiron low blows, rabbit punches and "tilts" — known more familiarly as "upsets." The season is rolling well along already, proving our contention that early season "breathers" are now passe. To get national recognition, a team nowadays must play nine tough foes and take all comers. The fans love the new trend. But it's tough on coaches and players.

Enough palaver. Let's make with the abra cadabra.

Army oughtn't to find Colorado too rocky. Princeton to tan Brown. Penn State to give Bucknell you-know-what. Colgate to show that winning smile over Merchant Marine. Navy (of course we're not prejudiced) to wash out Columbia's Lions. Yale to topple Cornell in a thriller. Dartmouth to scalp Syracuse. Holy Cross to edge Temple. Penn, easy, over Lafayette. And Rutgers over Western Reserve.

In the midwest, it's Iowa, our dark horse, over Illinois in a titanic struggle. Indiana to badger Wisconsin. Kansas to gain revenge after many long years on Iowa State. And St. Louis to also get long-awaited revenge over Marquette. Notre Dame (without even a look at their opponent) to win over lessee—Pittsburgh. Michigan over Stanford in a hot battle. Minnesota over Nebraska. Missouri to avenge last year's defeat vs. SMU. UCLA over Northwestern. Texas A&M over Oklahoma. Oklahoma A&M over Denver in a pip of a struggle.

Down South it's Mississippi State over Michigan State. Alabama over Vanderbilt. Wake Forest over Clemson. Duke to edge the Vols of Tennessee. LSU to whip Georgia. Georgia Tech to beat Tulane. Kentucky over Xavier. Villanova over Miami. Mississippi and sensational Barney Poole

over South Carolina. North Carolina to sneak by Texas—in the day's biggest game. N. Carolina State over Davidson. Richmond over Rollins. Virginia over VPI. William and Mary to romp over Citadel. Arkansas to hill-bully TCU. Rice to slap down Southern Cal in a toughie and Texas Tech to trip West Texas State.

In the Far West, it's St. Mary's over an improved California squad. Washington State over an unimproved Idaho team. And Oregon to take the nod over Washington.

(AFPS)—Stymie became the leading money winning horse of all time the hard way. He lost his first 50 starts, now claims total earnings of \$747,210. . . . Gil Dodds, America's Flying Parson and No. 1 miler, is undecided whether he will compete in the 1948 Olympics. Wistfully, he predicts some day someone will run a four-minute mile, but doubts he will be the man. . . . Betwich, Citation and Free America, the Calumet Farm trio which finished 1-2-3 in the Washington Park Futurity at Chicago, do not get a chance to perform the same feat in the Belmont Futurity at New York. The swamp fever shipping ban on horses prevented transportation of Free America.

"Go swallow your tongue" is an invitation no one wants to accept. But Norm Standlee, fullback of the San Francisco Forty Niners, did it accidentally during a game with the Los Angeles Dons recently. He didn't choke, either. . . . Unconditional release of lumbering Ernie Lombardi removes one of the most popular players on the New York Giant's squad. Schnozz is 40. Manager Mel Ott, after 22 years, has announced his retirement as an active player the same day. . . . Nineteen nations have filed entries for the 1948 Winter Olympics at St. Moritz, Switzerland, 30 January to 8 February.

## Moiphy

By PENBERTHY



"Fill 'er up, Gus"





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## FORRESTAL LINKS FREEDOM, DEFENSE

New York (AFPS)—The future freedom of mankind may depend on the ability of the United States to maintain its defenses at a high level of efficiency and competence, James V. Forrestal, new Secretary of National Defense, told the Navy Industrial Association at its fourth annual dinner here last week.

The necessity for keeping the military and civilians working together for peace was stressed by the Defense Secretary, addressing 600 members of the organization formed at his suggestion to effect a close working association between the military services and their civilian suppliers of war materials.

In his first public address as Secretary of Defense, Mr. Forrestal emphasized the point that the Navy Department under his direction had been run on a non-partisan basis, and asserted that the new Defense Department would be operated in a similar manner.

"The business of insuring for the nation an adequate national defense is a matter of concern to both political parties," he declared.

Vice Admiral Robert B. Carney, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, told the meeting that the Navy is facing a serious shortage of trained personnel.

## Dinner for Research Unit Held at Officers Club

Members of the Metabolic Research Unit in Liver Physiology met for a dinner in the private dining room of the Officers Club last Tuesday night, with Oak Knoll staff members as hosts.

Dr. Allen Walker, distinguished biologist from Australia, was a special guest of the group.

From the University of California came Dr. William J. Kerr, Professor of Medicine and Head of the Department of Biology.



Very young ladies meet new friends and develop new skills as participants in a recreation service of the Community Chest of Oakland, Emeryville, Piedmont and San Leandro. An expanded program for the youth of the community is a goal of the Chest's 1947-48 Red Feather fund appeal being conducted from October 13 to 30. Have you contributed to the Oak Knoll drive?

ment of Biology. With him were Dr. T. L. Althausen, Professor of Medicine; Dr. Leslie Bennett, Associate Professor of Physiology; Dr. Harold Tarver, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry; Dr. Choh Hao Li, Associate Professor of Biochemistry; Dr. R. L. Chaikoff, Professor of Physiology; Dr. Horace J. McCorkle, Assistant Professor of Surgery.

Two members of the University staff, who work directly on this station—Wards 46A & B—were Dr. L. W. Kinsel and Dr. George Michaels.

Hospital doctors present besides the Commanding Officer and the Executive Officer were members of the staff who are collaborating in the special study of liver physiology: Captains E. F. Evans, H. G. Young, A. R. Higgins; Lieutenants Harry Weiss and Harry Barton; and Lieutenants (junior grade) R. E. Smith and C. D. McMillan.

## Chest X-rays Given To All Station Workers

Beginning Tuesday of this last week chest X-rays are being given all civilian workers on the station, thus making available to them the same service accorded to the military. Commander R. E. Rock, MC, USN, is in charge of the examinations.

Personnel have been reporting in groups, with men and women from the commissary being first in line. Then followed the large group from Public Works.

For some time this program has been under consideration, being first promoted by the Safety Officer, Lieutenant Arthur Minwegan.

**Commencing November 2, Protestant Church Services will start at 1030 instead of 1100.**

## Gala Opening Monday For Enlisted Staff Recreation Center

After months of planning the Staff Enlisted Recreation Center will open its doors on Monday, 20 October with a special party in honor of the occasion.

Admiral D. W. Hunt, MC, USN, from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery is expected to be present at the dedication ceremonies, the exact time to be announced in the Plan of the Day.

This Center, located in building 32 will be for the exclusive use of staff waves and corpsmen from HA2 to CPHM.

Comfortably furnished, together with such necessary fixtures as, a combination radio, phonograph, juke box, pin-ball and coke machines, the center will be an ideal place to entertain the guests of enlisted staff members. In addition, it should prove a popular meeting place for all hands not on duty.

The club will be open from 1400-2130 daily for the use of personnel not in a duty status. Personnel on special details may make use of the center's facilities after 1630 or when their details are secured.

It has been announced that personnel visiting the center will be in the prescribed uniform of the day at all times.

## Officers Will Study Foreign Languages

Washington (AFPS)—A program for training officers in the language, politics and economics of Russia and six of her neighbors in the Middle and Far East has been announced by the Army.

Designed to meet the expanding demands of occupation, military missions and foreign liaison, the course is similar to one started by the Navy several months ago. Nations to be studied include Russia, Japan, China, Greece, Iran, Turkey and Arabia.

Some 368 students will be enrolled in language classes the first year, and 38 in combined language-area courses. Two or three years will be spent studying sociological, topographical, economic and political aspects of the various nations.

The officers, Regular Army only, will study at Yale University, Columbia University, Princeton University, American University in Beirut, Lebanon, and at Army schools in Monterey, Calif., Tokyo, Peiping and Germany. Courses dealing with language only will be given in Korean, Spanish, Portuguese and French.

## Oak Knoll Gains Fame But Loses Fortune!

'Twas a balmy fall day Wednesday, with hospital routine running smoothly and all personnel ready for noon chow.

Then an alarm. Not a siren or whistle blast—but people, at first a half dozen or so, walking or running toward Ship's Service.

"A robbery! A robbery!" was passed from mouth to mouth. And then, "A hold-up!"—came the report.

And a hold-up it was too. Mrs. Patricia Mart, cashier in the telephone office, was approached by a

customer, asking for a telegram for Valentine. As she turned to look for the order, the man opened the door.

About the same time an accomplice entered the Ship's Service office and asked Martin Clifton, janitor, "who was in the cashier's office?" Whereupon the assistant produced a gun and said, "This is a hold-up."

At this point a third member of the hold-up gang entered, flashing a gun.

"He's not kidding," he said. "Get on the floor, and keep your eyes on the floor."

Almost immediately Mrs. Mart and the janitor were tied, two telephone wires were cut, and approximately \$7800 was taken from the safe.

In no time at all the Oakland police arrived and sent out an alarm; the FBI got on the job; reporters and photographers from all the Bay Area papers showed up while their offices pounded the hospital telephone wires for that last minute news to meet the deadline; cars leaving the station were searched; and admittance to Ship's Service was barred for hours.



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## A Community Project

The daily papers carry the factual, chronological story of a 20th century "Good Samaritan"—the Community Chest. A collective phrase for the 33 Red Feather Services that objectively succeed in doing the good our awakened conscience feels should be done.

That there is a need for some one to channel their energy toward making this world a happier and a better one for its inhabitants is unquestionable.

The flush of security that many of us now enjoy tends to make us believe that America is synonymous with Cornucopia. We tend to forget the distress that underlies the tenor of normal life. Yet these misconceptions are constantly refuted by the stories carried in the public press.

These stories of child neglect, juvenile delinquency, the shattering of family unity by divorce or separation are the harbingers of Red Feather Services. The problems created by these circumstances are being solved by the knowledge and understanding available in the Red Feather Services and made possible by your contribution.

Those of us here at Oak Knoll who have benefited by one of the Red Feather Services can readily grasp the dire necessity for continuance of the Community Chest and will give freely when the drive opens 13 October. Others who have not benefited will, with their contribution, show that they are taking an active interest in the welfare of the community. Together, these co-operative efforts will add up to contentment and the realization of a job well done.

## Eat Less — Save More

Without the cooperation of individuals the food conservation program, as outlined by the President and his Cabinet members, will fail.

Meatless Tuesdays, egg and fowlless Thursdays, faithfully observed, coupled with discretion at the steam table means more food for Europe.

The Oak Knoll chow line, contrary to the occasional sundry remarks, is more than sufficient every meal, for there are always more than enough calories and protein in each average serving to sustain a hard-working laborer for more than a day. But in spite of this excess, there is always the person who likes to see his tray loaded to the brim despite the fact that he can eat but half of it.

Let's make an earnest effort to diminish "the size of our eyes" down to "the size of our stomach." Only by this adjustment on the part of all hands can we hope to do our part in alleviating the acute food shortage in Europe as it stands today.

## Divine Services

<b>Protestant:</b> Chaplain—E. C. Andrews Sunday— Divine Service.....1100 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month. The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.	<b>Christian Science:</b> Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
<b>Catholic:</b> Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski Sunday Mass—0630, 0900 Daily Noon Mass. Confessions before Mass.	<b>Jewish:</b> Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

DR. L. B. HOHMAN



Dr. Leslie Benjamin Hohman, former Navy Commander, now Professor of Psychiatry at Duke University, was guest speaker at a recent staff conference. He spoke on "Psychosomatic Aspects of Rheumatic Fever" and "Combat Fatigue."

## Guam Housing Defies Elements

(SEA)—Earthquake, typhoon, fire, insect and rodent resistant bungalows are being constructed by BuDocks for dependents of enlisted personnel stationed at Guam. They are constructed of strong, reinforced concrete panels which are molded at the building site and assembled by an unusual bolting-welding-cementing combination.

Basically adaptable to year-around living, the precast concrete homes are especially suitable for advance Navy bases because of simplified overseas shipment and labor problems.

Each bungalow contains a living room, dining room, two bedrooms and front and service porches. Floors are concrete, kitchens and bathrooms are completely modern and all services are electric.

### ALNAV 204

The following message has been received by the Secretary of the Navy from Mr. James Forrestal:

"On leaving the Navy to take up duty as Secretary of Defense, I wish to express my appreciation to all hands for their cooperation and good will during my terms of office. It has been a rare privilege to serve in such an organization."

## Red Cross Ramblings

Do you people know that Christmas is only 75 days off? Have you done your Christmas shopping yet? Instead of shopping down town amidst the crowds, why don't you visit the Red Cross Craft and Hobby Shop in Building 102, and make many attractive Christmas gifts. A leather purse for your best girl, a wallet for Father, a lucite cigarette box for Mother, and a model jeep for Junior would all be very acceptable Christmas gifts and such an easy and enjoyable way to do your Christmas shopping. There are unlimited possibilities at the Craft Shop, for there are all kinds of equipment from loom to power tools so it is possible to make the finest pure linen dress-scarf or a full-sized bookcase.

Mr. Andrew Potzenberg, a landscape architect, visited the hospital recently to meet with the prospective patient gardeners here at the hospital. He visited the various gardens and was amazed at what had been done, but also had great hopes and ideas for the future. He will return to the hospital each fortnight to meet with those who are interested and will have a great deal of valuable information to give to the gardeners. He will keep his ideas flexible and in tone with the hospital garden so that they will be practical.

Two weeks ago, seven boys from the Berkeley School for the Blind played Oak Knoll patients in chess and checkers on Wards 74A, 51A and 41A and B. Competition was very keen in all of the games, but at the end of the evening, the boys from the Berkeley School for the Blind were victorious. If you are a whiz at either of these games, chess particularly, surely you will want to try your skill against one of these blind boys when they return to the hospital in the near future.

### ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The Navy has announced that two ice-breakers will be sent to Antarctica to inspect the Little America area and collect additional hydrographic information. CDR G. L. Ketchum has been named to head the expedition.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Holland is famous for scenes of flowering beauty. Green wheat fields in June, tinted with the blue of cornflower, are of exquisite beauty.

However, this poetic liberty of nature is a sorrowful sight for the farmer. He feels helpless, for there is no way of eliminating these beautiful weeds without seriously harming his wheat field.

Still God allows the same condition to exist in the field of the human race. There are men and women among us in every community who because of their wealth or position, daily receive the blind adulation of people around them. In their private lives, as lived in the sight of God, they are an abomination. They neglect God's service and indifferently shrug their shoulders at religion. They go on and prosper and bask in the sun of success.

Why does God permit irreligious, worldly, bad people to thrive and succeed? Maybe to prove His infinite justice and His eternal existence, exactly the opposite of what many poor people are tempted to conclude.

God has to be just. There must be a place of eternal reward because He is infinitely perfect. He must reward good and punish evil. Hence, He will allow the bad to live and to be materially successful so as to reward them on earth for the little good they have done, and He will let the good suffer on earth for the wrong they may have done so that their joy may be much greater after they die.

Submitted by  
B. T. Poznanski, Catholic Chaplain



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Our Civilian Consultants . . .

Paul Michael, consultant pathologist, is not only an authority on Oak Knoll history—he helped to make that history. In so doing he planned and organized one of the best equipped hospital laboratories in the Navy and has away pleasant memories of his days in the Naval Reserve. Working gives the genial doctor more pleasure than telling stories of the days when he and Dr. Clark Johnson, another Oak Knoll consultant, were the only two medical officers aboard. Reporting here from Mare Island in 1942, one of the doctor's first duties was counting mattresses in the storeroom. Then on 1 July, commissioning day, a worthy assignment was given Dr. Michael — he was named the hospital's first officer of pathology. The second was Dr. Johnson. Some time the two served heel-to-heel watches. Although it was sometimes difficult to stay awake, the job had few complications, for during the early weeks when a small



DR. PAUL MICHAEL

was preparing to receive the draft of patients, the OOD's log added little more than the banging of a commissary attendant's finger.

SETS UP LABORATORY

It actually there was plenty of work to be done. The Navy pathologist's job was to supervise the building and equipping of laboratories and as chief of the laboratory service in six months he had established a smooth-functioning department where parasites could be tracked, where blood could be drawn for transfusions, where post-mortems could be done, and where a new school of lab technicians could be trained out every six months. For his work here during that period, Dr. Michael received the commendation of the Secretary of the Navy. Ordered to Alcazar Heights in January, 1944, he served as chief of the laboratory and pathological service more than a year. September, 1945, found the medical corps captain back at Oak Knoll to complete four years of service he had begun just after Pearl Harbor. Humboldt County, has named two of Oak Knoll's 28 consultants—Dr. Michael and Dr. Edwin Clausen.\* In that Northern California town, the former's father, Dr. Peter Michael, began his sixty years of service, fifty of which he spent in pathology in San Leandro.

MANY AFFILIATIONS

Dr. Michael attended the University of California, Berkeley, and in 1911 he received his M.D. from McGill University, Montreal. Residency training in pathology at the Univer-

sity of California followed, and in 1931 the doctor hung out his shingle in Oakland. His offices now are located at 434 Thirtieth Street. In addition to his work there and here, he is pathologist to Peralta Hospital and Children's Hospital of the East Bay, Clinical Instructor in Pathology, U.C. Medical School; visiting pathologist at Highland Hospital; and consultant pathologist, Cowell Memorial Hospital, Berkeley, and Veterans Hospital, Livermore.

AUTHOR AND ARTIST

He is the author of numerous articles on a variety of subjects related to pathology, and the long list of offices and distinctions that follow his name in "Who's Who on the Pacific Coast" indicate that he is active in medical groups, both local and national.

During working hours Dr. Michael's tools are test tubes and microscopes; off duty, they are paint tubes and brushes. His landscapes in water color and oils were most recently exhibited at the American Physician's Art Association convention in San Francisco.

Most important of the versatile doctor's extra-pathological interests is his family, which includes Mrs. Michael and the boys—Paul, eight, and Peter, seven.

\*(Asked if he knew Dr. Clausen, Dr. Michael exclaimed, "Do I know him? My father delivered him!")

Nutrition Lectures To be Given Here

Dr. Harold A. Harper, Associate Professor of Biology, University of San Francisco and Research Associate, Metabolic Research Unit of University of California and U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, will deliver a series of six lectures on Nutrition to the Hospital staff.

These lectures will be held on Tuesday evenings at 1930 in the Conference Room, second deck of the Dental building according to the following schedule:

1930—Tuesday, 21 October, 1947.

"Present Knowledge of the Vitamin B Complex" and movie, "Energy Release from Food."

1930—Tuesday, 4 November, 1947.

"Present Knowledge of the Minerals."

1930—Tuesday, 18 November, 1947.

"Present Knowledge of the Fat Soluble Vitamins."

1930—Tuesday, 2 December, 1947.

"Present Knowledge of the Proteins."

1930—Tuesday, 16 December, 1947.

"Present Knowledge of the Fats."

1930—Tuesday, 30 December, 1947.

"Present Knowledge of the Carbohydrates."

F.A.L.—One who gets caught.



"Old Faithful" erupts at Oak Knoll! In the midst of a downpour of rain a week ago an unattended truck, parked at the end of 69A, slipped its brakes and careened down the hill, crashing a fire hydrant by 66B and causing a veritable geyser to erupt for several minutes. Then, overturning large cans of paint, the truck finally stopped 20 feet from the entrance to 67B.

Red Cross Officials Are Oak Knoll Guests

Among important visitors to the hospital this past week were Miss Margaret Hagan, National Director of Hospital Service, American National Red Cross and Miss Mary K. Taylor, Chief of the Staff Development Section of the American National Red Cross. Miss Hagan and Miss Taylor spent two days observing the Red Cross activities at this station, and met both Navy and Red Cross personnel. They were accompanied on their visit by Miss Perle Dow, Director of Hospital Service, and Miss Ruth Wolff, Recreation Consultant, both from Pacific Area Headquarters, American National Red Cross.

Miss Hagan has been with the Red Cross for twenty-three years serving for many years as Field Director of the Red Cross at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington. She is vice-president of the American Association of Psychiatric Social Workers, a fellow of the American Orthopsychiatric Society, and a member of the Board of Governors of the Washington, D. C., Institute of Mental Hygiene. Miss Hagan succeeded Miss Eleanor C. Vincent as National Director of Hospital Service upon Miss Vincent's retirement last April. Miss Vincent was also a visitor to Oak Knoll shortly before her retirement.

Only Nine States Will Hold Fall Elections

(AFPS)—Political drumbeaters already are stirring up interest in the 1948 elections, but there is little to excite voters in this off-election year. Only nine states will hold elections this November.

New governors will be chosen in Kentucky and Mississippi on November 4. New York, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Virginia, Michigan, Texas and Pennsylvania voters will be concerned only with the election of state legislators and minor officials.

Pending legislation on bonuses for veterans will be submitted to referendum vote of the people in several states.

Hobby Playhouse Here Tomorrow

Through the courtesy of the White Squadron (All Navy) Post 90, V.F.W., the Hobby Playhouse will give a one-hour show in the hospital auditorium Sunday, 19 October at 3 p.m.

People attending the afternoon performance are assured of an hour of laughter. Such groups as the Hobby Playhouse have been entertaining the public during the theater's summer season and have won high praise from critics.

Although these revues are staffed by amateurs, they are a medium for nurturing ability; thus many stage and screen stars have emerged from these groups to win acclaim.

The White Squadron, Post 90, has unstintingly given their time and effort—as they have in the past—to lighten with laughter the necessary seclusion required of patients in the hospital.

Welcome and Farewell

Leaving Oak Knoll for other ships and Stations last week were, LTJG E. W. D. Norton, MC, USNR, whose orders read: to CDR DesDiv-32 for duty; LTJG R. W. Stockton, MC, USNR, to NAD, Oahu, T. H.; LTJG J. W. McKibben, Jr., MC, USNR, to USS Cimarron; N. Krohn, HA1, to Naval Hospital, St. Albans, N.Y.

There were four corpsmen discharged from the Naval service during the past week: G. N. Dunham, HA1; L. F. Smith, HA1; B. P. Bray, HA1; and R. H. Lynch, PHM3.

Oak Knoll bids a hearty welcome to the following who reported for duty. P. Phillips, PHM3, from the medical center in Bethesda; W. D. Huston, HA1, from the Naval shipyard, Mare Island; R. A. Linton, HA2; M. E. Syvertsen, HA2; and J. T. Brandt, HA2, the last three reporting from Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes.

Baby. An alimentary canal with a loud voice at one end and no responsibility at the other.



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FOR SALE:—White enamel table-top gas stove. Used three months. \$90.00. Ext. 177.

FOR SALE—Child's bike, 2-wheel, children's table and 2 chairs, scooter. All in good shape. Contact Allen, CBM, Phone 285.

• Movie Schedule •

- Sunday, 12 October

FOXES OF HARROW

Rex Harrison—Maureen O'Hara

News
- Monday, 13 October

WEEKEND AT THE WALDORF

Ginger Rogers—Walter Pigeon
- Tuesday, 14 October

OUT OF THE BLUE

George Brent—Ann Dvorak

The Invisible Mouse (Color)
- Wednesday, 15 October

DARING YOUNG MAN

Joe E. Brown—Marguerite Chapman

Wedding Bells
- Thursday, 16 October

HEAVEN ONLY KNOWS

Robert Cummings—Brian Donlevy

Chasing Rainbows
- Friday, 17 October

DOWN TO EARTH (Color)

Rita Hayworth—Larry Parks

News
- Saturday 18, October

WITHOUT RESERVATIONS

Claudette Colbert—John Wayne

Sportin' Around

(SEA)—The first hundred years, they say, are the hardest. We've only been picking the football games one week, so we've got approximately 99 full seasons and eight more weeks of hard pickings before we start hitting them right. At any rate, our average for the first week was .761 and that's not hay. Nor is it expert picking.

But, since our "system" is designed to improve as the season progresses, we'll close our eyes and make with the coin once more.

In the East, Army and Illinois meet in a toss-up. We just tossed up. It came out Army. Boston College should take Kansas State. Brown over Rhode Island State with little trouble. Powerful little Delaware over Bucknell. Cornell over Colgate. Yale to give Columbia hail. Penn is hightier than the sword—and stronger than Dartmouth. Penn State over Fordham. Villanova over Holy Cross.

Maryland over Richmond. Navy over Duke. Michigan over Pittsburgh. Upset: Rutgers over Princeton. Temple to topple Syracuse. West Virginia over Waynesburg.

Iowa over Indiana. Nebraska to husk Iowa State. Kansas over South Dakota State. Minnesota to out-charge Northwestern. Missouri to give Colorado the rockies. What Notre Dame will do to Purdue! Southern Cal over arch-rival Ohio State. Texas over Oklahoma in a piperoo. Tulsa to tousle Texas Tech. California over Wisconsin.

Down in the deep South, Alabama should beat Duquesne. Auburn over Florida. North Carolina State over Clemson. Georgia over Kentucky. Georgia Military to tech Virginia Tech. That is—Georgia Tech to take Virginia Military. Louisiana State over Texas A&M. Vanderbilt to upset Ole Miss and Barney Poole. Mississippi State to outscore San Francisco. North Carolina over Wake Forest. Tennessee over Chattanooga. Rice over Tulane. William and Mary both over Virginia Poly.

Southwest predictions: Baylor over Arkansas. SMU over Oklahoma Aggies.

And the Far West: California over Wisconsin. Oregon State over Idaho. UCLA to swamp Oregon. St. Mary's over Washington. Santa Clara 'way over Stanford.

**Sports Quiz**

By Armed Forces Press Service

1. Did any pitcher in World Series history participate in two of the fall baseball classics more than 15 years apart?
2. Has any player ever made as many as nine hits in one major league baseball game?
3. Tradition has it that the Philadelphia Phillies always root for a filly to win the Kentucky Derby. Why?
4. Has any pitcher in major league history ever hurled shutouts in both ends of a double-header?
5. How much do you believe Americans will spend for sporting goods in 1947 — \$150,000,000; \$275,000,000; \$350,000,000; \$425,000,000; \$500,000,000?

Sailor—A man who makes his living on water but never touches it ashore.



U. S. Navy Photo

A NEW modernized seabag will be presented by the Navy to its personnel within the next few months. The seabag now in general use was originally designed to be carried with hammocks and mattresses but now all Navy ships have steel bunks. BuPers, BuShips and CNO have been studying new designs. The new bag will be waterproof, fire resistant, a suitable color other than white, and will have handles or slings or both. It will be collapsible for stowage and have an easily-accessible compartment for toilet articles. Four designs are now undergoing tests. Picture on right shows golf-bag type, royal blue and made of leatherette fabric. Photo on left shows duffel-type bag made of fire-glass coated with plastic substance. It's olive drab in color.

Welcome and Farewell

Officers reporting aboard for duty the past week were CDR J. B. Batko, MC, USN, who was received from the sick list. CDR Batko was attached to the USS Helena prior to his being admitted to the sick list. LTJG B. V. Landry, MC, USNR, reported aboard for two weeks' additional temporary duty.

Six hospital corpsmen were received, V. H. Churchill, CPHM, from the RecShip San Francisco as was E. J. Johnson, PHM2, and W. R. Southward, HA1. L. T. Edwards, CPHM, from RecShip, San Diego, P. W. Finlay, HA2, from the Training Center, San Diego, and M. D. Wilson, PHM2, from Hospital Corps School, Portsmouth, Va. Welcome aboard, fellows!

Discharged to civilian life during the past week were, E. D. Caple, PHM1; D. W. Sarazen, HA2; D. H. Straub, HA2; B. J. Talley, PHM3; L. B. Tower, PHM3; and R. E. Trest, Jr., PHM3.

**Keglers Drop Close Match**

Oak Knoll's bowling team was nosed out in a three-game series on 6 October by the Marines from the U. S. Naval Station, Treasure Island. Scores were fairly even, with the high score of the evening rolled by S. S. Brinton of Oak Knoll.

Individual scores were not available.

Team scores were: Oak Knoll 783, 740, and 746; Marines 782, 844, and 788.

Bowling for Oak Knoll were Dr. Polka, Dr. Wilcox, Mr. Brock, R. J. Barnett, and S. S. Brinton.

Matrimony — Romance, Rice, and Rocks.

Knoll Eleven Lose In Final Half

On 3 October Oak Knoll's football team played host to the boys from Treasure Island, and although the game was well played throughout, the Knollites were on the losing end of a 7-0 score.

The first half featured an aerial game for both teams, with Oak Knoll having the edge with two completed long passes. Walcott let go with a long pass for about 40 yards to Cuman in the end zone that was caught juggled, and finally dropped. The pass, had it been completed, would have been the turning point for the local team. A short, bullet pass was completed by the boys from T.I. was the receiver in the clear, racing 3 yards for the one and only touchdown of the game.

When a man brings his wife flowers for no reason—there's a reason.

**ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ**

1. Yes, Herb Pennock pitched with both hands in the 1914 World Series. 2. Yes, the only filly ever to win the Kentucky Derby, was a victor the year. 3. Ed Reulbach of the Chicago Cubs scored five hits in the opener and about triumph over the Brooklyn Dodgers in the home stretch of the pennant fight. 4. The National Association of Sporting Goods Manufacturers estimates that approximately \$425,000,000 will be spent on sports goods this year.





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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 25 October, 1947

## Entire Nation To Hold Navy Day Celebration



This group of Oak Knoll personnel is typical of the 437,000 Americans, ashore and afloat, who make the Nation's Navy "actor in war and guardian in peace."

### Oak Knoll Leads Naval Hospitals in Bed Capacity

With an authorized 1750 bed capacity, Oak Knoll now becomes the largest Naval hospital in operation today. This announcement was gleaned from the BuMed News Letter of October 10, which listed the "Revised Authorized Bed Capacities of U. S. Naval Hospitals for Second Quarter Fiscal Year 1948." Of the twenty-nine hospitals throughout continental United States, even exceed the 1000 bed capacity with allocations ranging between 100 and Oak Knoll's 1750. In all hospitals of the eleven Naval districts and two river commands, 19,320 bed patients can be accommodated at one time. Of the four extracontinental Naval hospitals the one at Alea Heights, Hawaii, is the largest with a 750 bed capacity; the one at Guam with accommodations for 500 is next largest.

### NAVY TO SCRAP SHIPS IDAHO AND WYOMING

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—Two of the Navy's famous old warships, the Idaho and the Wyoming, are headed for the scrap heap, it was revealed here when bids were asked for dismantling of the vessels. The two vessels have a combined age of 62 years. Only American citizens may offer bids, and the proposal stipulates that the ships may not sail again. In addition, purchasers must guarantee that no armor plate recovered from the vessels will be sold to any foreign government or used for any military purpose.

### Commanding Officer's Navy Day Message

*Today the Navy's strength and scientific progress are on display aboard ships and at shore stations throughout the country in observance of Navy Day. Interesting exhibits of equipment have been set up in public squares so that civilians may see at first hand the tools with which our Navy works during war and peace. Here at Oak Knoll, gates will be open to the public on Navy Day, October 27, and at that time we shall display the weapons with which the medical corps guards against infection and combats disease. Less ostentatious than guns and guided missiles, but equally vital are our weapons — medicines and the knowledge to administer them, surgical instruments and the skill to use them. Here, where hostilities never cease, it is our privilege and our duty to guard the health of the men who guard the peace of our nation. Let us continue to fulfill this, our chosen duty, in such a way that credit will be reflected on the Navy and the medical profession.*

C. A. BROADDUS  
Captain, MC, USN  
Medical Officer in Command

### Colors at Halfmast

(SEA)—All stations within continental U.S. limits and all ships in continental U.S. ports were directed to halfmast colors from 0800 local time to sunset on Sunday, 26 October, in respect to the gallant and heroic American soldiers, sailors, marines and others who gave their lives to their country in World War II. Alnav 217-47 (NDB, 15 October) announced the order.

### LCDR Is Permanent Rank For Station's Senior Nurses

LCDR Marian Olds and LCDR Catherine Richardson—senior nurses on the staff—have just been notified of their appointment to the permanent grade of lieutenant-commander with date of rank the same as that of their running mates in the line. This notice was received through an ALNAV—the first relating to actual permanent appointments of nurse corps officers. Miss Olds, the Senior Nurse Corps Officer (formerly called Chief Nurse) is a veteran of 21 years Naval service whose experience ranges from assignments in hospitals throughout continental United States and possessions, at sea aboard hospital ships, and as a prisoner of war, having been captured by the Japanese in their invasion of Guam in 1941. Miss Richardson, Assistant Senior Nurse Corps Officer, has 18 years to her credit, representing duty in eight hospitals and aboard three hospital ships. She wears the Navy Unit commendation for duty at Pearl Harbor, 1941, and the Navy Commendation ribbon for services aboard the USS Solace.

### Navy Day Suggestions

(SEA)—Veterans of naval service are being encouraged to wear their uniforms for all off-duty and social functions on Navy Day. Alstacon of 4 Oct., 1947, also suggested that every effort be made to insure that personnel on duty at individual commands be authorized leave to appear and speak before their home town high schools whenever possible.

### Station Joins With Open House Monday

Oak Knoll will observe Navy Day Monday 27 October with an open house from 1300-1600. Escorts will meet visitors at the gate and accompany them through the various departments on the station. Headed by the battleship IOWA, seventeen ships will visit northern California ports during Navy Week. The ships will arrive in San Francisco Bay October 25 to be open for public visiting October 25, 26 and 27.

#### PUBLIC INVITED

Shore stations in the bay area will hold open house on various days during Navy Week. One of the most elaborate observances is planned for the San Francisco Naval Shipyard at Hunter's Point Sunday, October 26, when the giant crane under construction there will make one of its first test lifts.

An exhibit of the Navy's developments in guided missiles will be arranged in Union Square, San Francisco. An aircraft exhibit will fill the Civic Center, and display windows in many stores throughout the district will acquaint the public with the activity and development of the Navy today.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE AT SEA

Traditionally, the memorial service for men who died at sea or at overseas stations during the war, will be held Sunday, October 26. Relatives and friends who wish to participate in this service by sending a single flower in memory of a man who gave his life, are requested to bring the flower to the office of the District Chaplain, Room 218, Federal Office Building, San Francisco, today. Services will be held aboard the battleship IOWA, anchored in San Francisco Bay, and during the service, the flowers will be scattered on the water.

The Navy League, a civilian organization whose purpose is to keep America informed about the Navy, and to support all plans tending to aid, improve or develop its efficiency, has designated October 27 as Navy Day for two historic reasons. It is the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt, supporter of a strong, modern Navy, and it is the date on which the Continental Congress, in 1775, received a bill providing for creation and establishment of a fleet.

Commencing November 2, Protestant Church Services will start at 1030 instead of 1100.



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## Appreciation

The consideration given, the fears and pain we sought to allay—these, the little things—are the final values. When our worth to mankind is brought forward for summation it will be those factors which will determine if ours was the full life.

Most of us instinctively, and silently, serve our fellowmen without regard for personal benefit. But, the knowledge that our efforts are appreciated, acts as an added incentive to carry on.

So with this in mind, the following letter is reprinted. It was written by a former patient and published in the Sacramento "Bee" to publicly express his feelings toward us.

*"Editor, Sacramento Bee*  
*Sir:*  
*On July 25, 1947, I was sent from Fresno to the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, Calif., by the Veterans Administration, with an ulcerated stomach. I was treated by specialists for a period of two months and completely cured. I was in ward 60-A, which is an ulcer ward.*  
*I am thoroughly convinced I received as good treatment as is available in the whole world. I was treated kindly and courteously by the doctors, nurses, and the medical personnel.*  
*I truly appreciate all that was done for me. I feel I owe my life to the diligence of the doctors and the staff of that hospital."*

s/ Charles Jones.

## Divine Services

<p><b>Protestant:</b>                  Chaplain—E. C. Andrews                  Sunday—                  Divine Service.....1100                  Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.                  The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.</p> <p><b>Catholic:</b>                  Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski                  Sunday Mass—0630, 0900                  Daily Noon Mass.                  Confessions before Mass.</p>	<p><b>Christian Science:</b>                  Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.</p> <p><b>Jewish:</b>                  Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.                  The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.</p>
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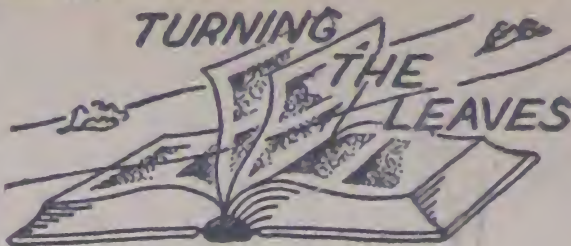
### "DO NOT QUIT"

Do you ever feel like quitting? It is easy to neglect moral duties that involve no physical compulsion and to rationalize such neglect. However, the founder of the Christian religion did not quit easily.

Christ did not quit his disciples because Judas was a thief, or because St. Peter was fickle at times. He did not quit because some of the Apostles were unkind, unforgiving, and over-ambitious. He did not desert his position of leadership because he had to deal with narrow-minded demon worshippers. In spite of all discouragement and opposition he neither faltered nor failed.

If you feel like quitting, remember that many others face similar difficulties and still succeed.

Submitted by  
 CHAPLAIN E. C. ANDREWS, USN.



### INSIDE USA—By John Gunther

To show America to the Americans John Gunther turns the U.S.A. inside out. He does not pretend a profound analysis of American civilization; rather he writes a lively, gaudy, intelligent panorama of American life. The author traveled throughout the country, asking as he went, "who runs this community?" As you may guess, this leads to a series of lively portraits of American mayors, governors, industrialists, labor leaders, and many of our top flight figures. He excluded Washington, D. C. and figures in the nation's capital only as it effects states and communities.

"INSIDE USA" will appeal to many readers, for everyone is interested in at least one angle of Mr. Gunther's reportings. He has given the historical backgrounds of various states, including little known anecdotes and legends, relating the important facts of bygone days—all that will show why the people in each state act, think, and vote as they do. Included in the book are his observations on economy, society, government, literature, topography, and personalities of the United States as one reporter saw it as of 28 May, 1947.

All who have read Gunther's other "Inside" books (Inside Europe, Inside Asia, Inside Latin America) will enjoy this latest in the series. As his "Inside Europe" was a study of nationalisms, his Asia book one of imperialism, his Latin American book one of colonial politics and economy; so this work is a study of democracy in action.

Gunther starts in California, works upward through the Pacific Northwest, circles the Mid-West, swings north through the New England area, then down through the "problem child of the Nation"—the South, and westward again into the largest state, Texas.

This book is an admirable piece of reporting, informative, easy to read, and always interesting.

If you wish to read INSIDE USA, ask at the library, call the library (Ext. 273), or ask the librarian when she passes through your ward with the book cart.

## Girls In White

LCDR Virginia M. Bates, NC, USN reported for duty from NAS Dispensary, Seattle, Wash. She joins the dietitians, having completed a course in dietetics at George Washington University.

'Tis "Aloha" to LT Mary Horney and LTJG Eva Mahr who have left for duty at USNH, Aiea Heights, T.H.

LCDR Mary Wolfgang spent five wonderful days at Carmel. Although a native Floridian, California is beautiful she concedes.

It's nice to see LTJG Margaret Thompson back from leave. Tommy says the golf courses in Minnesota are great. (Bangs are cute too.)

Rumor has it that Bran Flakes are preferred by night nurses to cele-

## Red Cross Ramblings

So you want to lead a band? Well come join the patients' orchestra which practices each Monday night and Thursday afternoon in building 102, the Red Cross Recreation Lounge. There are any number of available instruments just waiting for patients to play and practice on them. Mrs. Felix Plant, Gray Lady leader and pianist for the orchestra is very anxious to assist any of you who want to play with the band. Present members of the orchestra are Leroy Neville, bass fiddle; Leroy He manu, trombone; Nick Scordino drums, and Nyle McGee, electric guitar.

### X-MAS CARDS, HAND MADE

Have you started thinking about your Christmas cards yet? You know Christmas isn't very far off. The Red Cross Craft and Hobby Shop offers unlimited possibilities for making Christmas cards — blockprinting, stenciling, and lettering with the gold stamping machine.

### DARK ROOM DOINGS

Have you visited the dark room lately? The room has been enlarged and a fan and refrigerator installed so that the work the men turn out is of fine quality. The dark room is now open on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 1330-1630, and from 1900-2100. All prospective camera fans should come down to the dark room and bring those rolls of film—develop, contact print, and enlarge them.

### NEW GRAY LADIES

Have you noticed all of the new Gray Ladies around the hospital? A great many of them come out on Tuesday and Thursday nights. They have just finished their Training Course and are brand new to the hospital and to the Navy, so let's try to make them feel at home here at the hospital and help them in any way that we can. They are anxious and eager to make your stay in the hospital more pleasant and will do all that they can to make it more enjoyable for you.

### LEARN TO DANCE

Arthur Murray dancing teachers visit the lounge each Monday afternoon from 1400-1600 to teach you how to dance. If you are an experienced dancer, come down and brush up on your dancing; if you are a beginner come down and learn the fundamentals of dancing. In one easy lesson, these attractive instructors will have you out in the middle of the floor doing all kinds of steps that you never dreamed of.

brate coming off night duty. For information see Miss Finn.

Those sweet melodies emanating from Bldg. 24 sound like S.C.K. Paderewski, while from 23, the girl in the gingham dress, likes Chopin.

Is it true that they have phones in Alaska, and that a long distance call came thru on Saturday night? Somebody is all smiles.

Looks as if Cupid's wandering arrows have found a couple of targets. Congratulations to ENS Vera O McCann,\* ENS Miriam Bingham Waddell, and ENS Fay Blazek McKiff.

Miss K to Miss C—Are you taking a cold? No—its just the North Wind.



## Introducing

### Our Civilian Consultants . . .

Dr. Harrel Lee Harrington is a urologist by profession. He is a Midwesterner by birth, a Canadian by education, and a Californian by practice. This Oak Knoll consultant, former patient, and staff member began life in Marysville, Missouri. He began his higher education at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, where his father was and is now a professor in the physics department. Upon completion of his work there (according to the doctor's modest report), he received the bachelor of science degree and a letter in hockey. From other reliable sources comes the information that along with his diploma from Saskatchewan U. he was awarded the silver medal presented each year to the student whose marks in anatomy ranked highest in competition with students throughout the Dominion of Canada.

#### STUDIES WITH HINMAN

Going East to the University of Toronto, he continued his medical



DR. H. L. HARRINGTON

course and in 1935 received his MD and completed his internship. At Toronto and at the University of Chicago, the young doctor had residency training in urological medicine and surgery. Continuing his work at the University of California Medical School, he had the opportunity to study under Dr. Frank Hinman, world-known urologist. He was practicing with him in San Francisco in 1942 when he received orders to duty with the Naval Reserve.

Highlights of the urologist's service career were his tours of duty in the South Pacific and at U.S. Naval Hospital, San Leandro. As surgeon for the Third Battalion, Third Marines, Dr. Harrington treated the sick and wounded during the 60-day Bougainville campaign when casualties were heavy and when the surgeon's skill meant the difference between life and death in many cases. After 14 months' service in the South Pacific, the Navy Medical Corps lieutenant was transferred, on the sick list, to Oak Knoll. Here while recuperating from an illness contracted in the tropics, he served on the urology staff. In September, 1944 he was transferred to San Leandro to set up the urology department and serve as chief until his discharge from the Navy in March, 1946.

#### LADIES' MAN

Oakland offices of Dr. Harrington are at 379 Thirtieth Street. He may also be located at one of eight Bay Area hospitals—Oak Knoll, where he is on call for consultation each Thursday, U. C. Hospital, San Francisco, where he is an assistant on the urol-

## Here and There

Fire broke out in a rubbish pile back of a civilian house that borders Santa Cruz village recently and the volunteer fire department of the village swung into action as they answered the alarm raised by Fire-spotter, Mrs. Morris. Ten chiefs, led by Alwood, King, and Schnell, manned a hose and successfully fought the flames until the Oakland Fire Department arrived at the scene. The Chiefs were well organized due to their fire-fighting training and had the blaze under control before any serious damage resulted.

If anyone happens to spot a car roaming around the compound during the night stop it and direct the driver to O.P.D. It seems that the drivers of cars bringing expectant mothers to Oak Knoll are as excited as their passengers. Our correspondent tells us that 75 per cent misinterpret the instructions of the guard at the gate and go riding the hills in search of O.P.D.

Wedding bells will soon ring out for two civilian employees—Yvonne Wells of O.P.D. records, and Everett Sheldon of P & A.

That casualty of the bowling alley who is hobbling around the Ad Building with his right leg in a cast is CPHAR Brock, Civil Readjustment Officer.

Bill Marra, the jolly janitor of the Ad. Bldg., is the proud grandfather of two young charmers who appeared in a Chronicle photo this week. The little girls were having a look at one of the new Sparkle Plenty dolls.

So prolific were the laudatory comments on the beautiful place cards used at the dinner party honoring Admiral Hunt that public recognition is hereby accorded Robert W. Scott, PHM3, staff-patient on special detail in the cast room. Those forfeited liberty hours and the following day-long industry resulted in over 80 personalized cards of dignity and art.

ogy staff; Providence, East Oakland, Herrick Memorial, Richmond, Permanente, or Children's Hospital of the East Bay.

Although Dr. Harrington's patients are predominantly male, he is actually a ladies' man, the ladies being his wife, Jean; and his daughters—Nancy Lee, who will soon be three years old; and Carol Sue, three and one-half months.



At a recent dinner given in his honor, Rear Admiral D. W. Hunt (in dinner jacket near entrance to dining room) is seen chatting informally as staff members and guests locate their respective places at the tables.

### Dean of Georgetown U. Visits Hospital

An Eastern visitor to the hospital this week was Father Paul McNally, Dean of Georgetown Medical Center at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Father McNally arrived by plane Tuesday and came directly from Moffett Field to Oak Knoll, where an informal luncheon given in his honor he met several staff members and discussed with them interne and residency type training as carried on in this hospital.

### Oak Knoll Bandit Seized In Nevada

In Las Vegas last Wednesday the old lesson—that crime doesn't pay—was impressed upon Joseph F. Madera, 20, former Oak Knoll patient and ringleader of the daring trio that held up Ship's Service on October 15.

Madera was arrested when he attempted to convert 175 dollar bills into silver and notes of larger denomination. He had in his possession \$987 of his share of the \$5472.50 taken from the safe and split three ways in a San Francisco hotel immediately after the hold-up.

Still the object of police and FBI search at the time the Oak Leaf went to press were the former seaman's two accomplices. The arrested man said they are Melvin Taylor, 22, and Jimmie Reagan, 28, of Los Angeles. He claimed to know nothing of their whereabouts.

### "Sacktime" Dangerous Say Doctors

(AFPS)—The New York Academy of Medicine recently sent an advance copy of an important speech. It began:

"Bed rest has been accused of contributing to or causing phlebothrombosis, pulmonary embolism, hypostatic pneumonia, decubitis ulcers, constipation, myasthenia, osteoporosis, and nephrolithiasis. These are obviously serious charges. . . ."

To which we muttered, "Obviously."

We strained through the rest of the speech, which told of actual tests

### Officers' Club Reception Honors Admiral Hunt

Rear Admiral D. W. Hunt from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, together with Mrs. Hunt, were honorees last Friday night at a reception and dinner given at the Officers' Club by the Commanding Officer and members of the Oak Knoll staff.

Special guests for the occasion were District Medical Officer and his Executive Officer, the Western Sea Frontier Medical Inspector, senior medical officers of Naval hospitals in the Bay Area, and civilian consultants on the Oak Knoll staff.

Receiving with Captain and Mrs. Broadus and Captain and Mrs. Gillett were Rear Admiral and Mrs. Hunt, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Joel T. Boone and Rear Admiral and Mrs. J. P. Owen.

Seated with the special guests in the dining room were senior staff members and their wives.

After dinner entertainment featured dancing in the ballroom.

### Navy Nurse Corps

There was much activity about NOQ on Saturday last; Miss Kramer getting ready to try out her car on fifteen days leave to a place called San Antonio, Texas. . . .

Miss Errington getting her braids just that way for a week-end in L.A. . . .

NOQ-getting a new coat of paint for the coming holidays.

Cupid is on the go again—this time one of our charming dieticians, LCDR Alys Meeuwsen, now Mrs. Gene Mount. Congratulations and best wishes!

Miss Caspar spent the week-end at Lake Tahoe visiting Miss Hurlock who is there on leave and enjoying the vicinity with her father. 'Tis reported that "the one arm bandits" did quite well by Miss Caspar.

Nice to see Miss Harris and Miss Cacek back on duty. Both have been on the sick list.

made to prove or disprove the charge, and now we are happy to be able to report that it's okay to stay in bed—up to about ten days.



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### Knoll Keglers Lose

Oak Knoll keglers dropped another close match to a team from Treasure Island last Monday night.

The first two games were lost by the close margin of four pins a game, and the difference of 29 pins in the last game.

Dr. Polka of Oak Knoll was high score bowler for the evening, rolling both the high single and three game match total.

Team scores were: Oak Knoll 710, 679, and 756; Treasure Island 714, 683, and 785.

The English language is a funny thing. Tell her that time stands still when you look into her eyes and she'll adore you, but just try telling her that her face would stop a clock!!

### • Movie Schedule •

- Sunday, 19 October

MAGIC TOWN

James Stewart—Jane Wyman

News
- Monday, 20 October

ANGEL ON MY SHOULDER

Paul Muni—Anne Baxter
- Tuesday, 21 October

THIS TIME FOR KEEPS (Color)

Esther Williams—Jimmy Durante

Early Sports Quiz
- Wednesday, 22 October

GOLDEN BOY

Barbara Stanwyck—Adolph Menjou

Thrills of Music
- Thursday, 23 October

SECOND CHANCE

Kent Taylor—Louise Currie

Is Everybody Listening

March of Time
- Friday, 24 October

WHERE THERE'S LIFE

Bob Hope—Signe Hasso

Try and Catch Me

News
- Saturday, 25 October

OUR VINES HAVE TENDER GRAPES

Edward G. Robinson—

Margaret O'Brien

## Here and There

This is by way of saying thanks to three establishments in Oakland who have surfeited many a patient's desire for good food and entertainment.

The Managers of the Claremont Hotel, Club Alabam and Planter's Dock really have an earnest desire to insure an evening of enjoyment for their guests. They personally see to it that the patients making up the party lack nothing.

Any of you who haven't partaken of those delicious four dollar steaks better make a note to hike yourself down to Welfare & Rec. office and get your name down on the list. But quick!!

Fun and food were included in OPD's plan of the day last Tuesday when doctors, nurses, corpsmen and civilians turned out to help Chief Luther celebrate his birthday—which one, no one knows.

Those of you who were unable to sit for a sketch when Gill Richard Sharp was here September 22 to 27 will have another chance. He will make another hospital visit October 20 to 25. Here's your opportunity to have a portrait drawn for forwarding home to the folks.

### Local Eleven Drops 3rd Game

The Oak Knoll eleven again went down in defeat a week ago Thursday when they were the victims of a last quarter touchdown by NAS Alameda.

Played in the rain, the entire game was one of fumbles and defensive punting on the part of both teams.

The Knollites' one bid for a score came when Childs passed to Wilson for 30 yards. This gain was nullified however when the airdales intercepted on the next play.

The Air Station team scored in the last three minutes of the fourth quarter when their third completed pass of the afternoon was caught in the end zone, making the final score, NAS Alameda 6, Oak Knoll 0.

#### CORAL SEA COMMISSIONED

Portsmouth, Va. (AFPS) — The Coral Sea, one of the Navy's heaviest and fastest aircraft carriers, has been commissioned at the Portsmouth Navy Yard. A sister ship to the Midway and the Franklin D. Roosevelt, it is the last of that class scheduled to be built. It carries more than 100 planes on the 1,000-ft. flight deck and has a wartime complement of 3,000 men.

"This Navy life is beginning to tell on me."

"Every day I look more and more like my identification card."

#### NOTICE

Anyone interested in competing in a station tennis and handball tournament contact Chief Alwood of the athletic department. This is an all-hands invitation.

## Sportin' Around

(AFPS)—Proceeds from television rights for the World Series go into the baseball players' retirement fund. Which makes it difficult to understand why Commissioner Chandler turned down a \$100,000 offer of a beer company and accepted a \$65,000 bid from another sponsor. Perhaps it would be easier to comprehend if beer firms did not sponsor radio broadcasts of daily games all season long.

Dan Parker, New York sports columnist, reported on Oct. 6 that only one out of fifteen major league club owners favored Chandler in a poll. But Happy should worry! He has an ironclad contract at \$50,000 a year and it has six more years to run.

Leo Durocher and Chandler shook hands to signify all is forgiven on both sides when Lippy's one-year suspension as manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers expired. Durocher probably should have thanked him for a paid vacation. Lippy received \$30,000 salary, about half his normal full-year salary. . . . Some New York tongues are wagging that Joe DiMaggio will not be with the Yanks in '48—that he may retire from baseball rather than work for Boss MacPhail again. . . . Hiring of Joe McCarty, the man who guided nine pennant winners and seven World Series winners before going into retirement, a year and a half ago, makes the Boston Red Sox odds-on favorites for '48.

Judy Canova landed a knockout punch in the laugh center when she came up with this on a recent radio show: "He would have given him the old one-two punch—only he can't count that high."

Jackie Robinson, winner of the Sporting News award as the Rookie-of-the-year, is doing all right financially also in his first year in the big time. His salary was only \$6,500, but Branch Rickey of the Dodgers is expected to slip him a sizeable bonus. Fans gave him a new car and many other gifts. His contract at a Chicago theater calls for \$7,500 plus a per cent of the gross which may run the total to \$15,000 a week. And his newly-signed movie contract may be good for another \$50,000.

Notre Dame and Michigan, in a season which promises to be studded with major upsets, appear reasonably good bets to finish undefeated. Trying to rate the other collegiate football mighties in the order of their probable finish in the national ranks is sheer guessing. But here goes. No. 1, Texas. 4, California. 5, Pennsylvania. 6, Southern California. 7, Illinois. 8, Georgia. 9, Army. 10, Oklahoma.

Wonder where Hank Greenberg will wind up next season, now that the Pittsburgh Pirates have granted his wish to be declared a free agent. . . . Glenn Davis, Army's All-American back for three seasons, underwent an operation on his knee for a torn cartilage recently. . . . Charity was the only winner in the recent \$100,000 winner-take-all challenge between Armed and Assault. Little dispute is raised with those who contend that Armed is the better horse, but Assault was not physically fit to make the race a real test of speed. . . . Ted Williams, very, very wrong in predicting the Red Sox would win the 1946 World Series, picked the Yankees to win the '47 classic "in a romp." Maybe Ted better stick to his hitting.

(SEA)—Last week's football picking didn't raise our average too much but with many weeks to come, we refuse to give up. Our .767 average could use a booster shot. You don't have to take our word for it, but here's the top games and our choices for the coming week:

Princeton over Colgate. Penn over Columbia. LSU over Boston College. Cornell over Navy. Yale over Wisconsin. Illinois over Minnesota. Iowa over Ohio State. Oklahoma over Kansas in a tough one. Michigan over Northwestern. Notre Dame over Nebraska.

Georgia over Oklahoma A & M. Vanderbilt over Kentucky. Upset of the season: William and Mary over North Carolina. Army over VPI. Texas over Arkansas. California over Washington State. Rice over SMU. Southern California over Oregon State.

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By PENBERTHY







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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 1 November, 1947

## Staff Enlisted Recreation Center Now Open



### Party Marks Opening Day Ceremonies

With an informal party following the official commissioning, the Staff Enlisted Recreation Center was opened to staff members at 1600 Friday, 24 October.

The Medical Officer in Command, Captain Broadus, opened the ceremonies with a short talk on the purposes of the club and the people who had contributed their interest and efforts toward its realization—the Enlisted Recreation Committee—comprised of H. D. Campbell, CPHM, Elsie Ahti, PHM1, D. W. Rae, PHM1, V. E. Mondt, PHM3, and J. S. Bonfanti, HA1.

Following his remarks, the C. O. requested the honor of a dance from one of the Waves and the festivities were on. Those who preferred refreshments rather than dancing hied themselves to the laden tables and the delicacies thereon—particularly the cake and ice cream; others gathered at the radio-phonograph with its accompanying collection of distinctive records—with everything from jazz to classical; while the pin-ball machine attracted the attention of the tilt artists.

#### Committee To Supervise

Supervision of the Center's activities will be under the direct charge of the Enlisted Recreation Committee who will consult with the Welfare and Recreation Officer whenever necessary for the purpose of increasing the value of the Center as a recreational facility.

Staff hospital corpsmen and Waves may use the facilities of the club from 1400 to 2130 daily when off duty and shall wear the prescribed uniform of the day. After 1630, personnel of the duty section who are not assigned to a specific detail of duty may also attend the Center for recreational purposes according to Hospital Order No. 33. The only exception to this regulation shall be when a duty corpsman has an out-of-town visitor and has received permission to be excused from the officer-in-charge.

Whenever parties are held in the Club, a hostess will be present to supervise the evening's entertainment. At all other times, the senior hospital corpsman present will be responsible for keeping good order in the center.

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(1) Members of the Enlisted Recreation Committee whose efforts are largely responsible for the new Recreation Center are left to right: V. E. Mondt, PHM3, D. W. Rae, PHM1, Frances Wright, CPHM, H. D. Campbell, CPHM, Senior Member, and J. S. Bonfanti, HA1. Frances Wright substituted for Elsie Ahti, PHM1 who left on emergency leave shortly before the Center's opening. (2) LT M. J. Millard, Recreation Officer; CAPT R. M. Gillett, Executive Officer; and LCDR R. W. Price, Administrative Assistant, were among the interested listeners when the Commanding Officer spoke to the group that gathered for the official opening of the club. (3) Little reluctance was exhibited when "chow" was announced, with the exception of the man in the foreground who couldn't be torn away from the pin-ball machine. (4) Swinging Jerry Dvorak out onto the well-polished linoleum, Captain Broadus started the dancing—a popular part of the afternoon's activities.

### Sales, Speech Classes To Be Held Here

In cooperation with the Red Cross, Gray Lady, Miss Margaret Blackburn, instructor in the Department of Speech at UC, has volunteered to meet in Room 203, Bldg. 133 at 1400 Tuesdays with men interested in speech activities, and will plan the class according to the interests of the group. Possibilities are: speech making, work in voice and diction, radio reading, radio announcing, and broadcasting. Miss Blackburn has had considerable experience in radio work and other speech activities.

In another class on Mondays at 1400 in the same room and under the leadership of Mrs. M. F. Saare, a Gray Lady volunteer, you can learn not only the basic principles of salesmanship but also the practical on-the-job pointers from someone who has wide experience. Mrs. Saare is a

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### Marines Observe 172nd Anniversary

(SEA)—"To all Marines of our regular forces, and to our comrades, the citizen Marines of the Marine Corps Reserve," the Commandant of the Corps, General Alexander A. Vandegrift, USMC, extended heartiest greetings and pledged the Corps' utmost efforts that the "honored tradition of service may continue unbroken."

"On this 172nd anniversary of the Marine Corps," the Commandant said, "we draw renewed faith and devotion for our future tasks from the example of the past . . . Although the United States has engaged in only seven major wars, it has called upon the Marines' in almost every year of existence . . . Thus it is our tradition to be prepared in either war or peace, since we have found that peace must often be enforced."

### O' Wives Club Will Hear Concert Artist

Mr. Peter Jeret, popular concert artist of Berkeley, will be presented in an afternoon musicale by the Officers Wives Club, Wednesday, November 5, at 1630, in the auditorium of the Officers Club. All staff and patient officers are cordially invited to come and bring their guests.

Mr. Jaret is a young artist of distinction, having made his debut in Town Hall, New York City, only recently. In this area he is rapidly gaining a reputation as a pianist with a brilliant future. Those who have heard him particularly laud his Liszt and Chopin interpretations.

Preceding the concert there will be a meeting of the officers wives at 1530, with the main interest being that of recruiting volunteers for the working committee for the Christmas Holidays.



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## Navy Day

On Monday, 27 October the United States will pay tribute to the men who go down to the sea in fighting ships. The men and ships that win wars and are guardians of peace—the United States Navy!

This day of observance will for some be a day of remembrance and prayer; of realization that their sons, brothers, sweethearts, and husbands who fought for freedom of worship, will no longer physically join them in that freedom. For others it will be a day of flashbacks with pictures—from Pearl Harbor to Kamakazes off Japan—and the long sea toward home.

For us all the day should serve to emphasize that the Nation's Navy is a prime tool of the many that are required to insure, not national, but international security.

Peace requires the removal of causes for war—not the implements of war which, if adequate in the hands of a power for peace, deter wilful aggressors.

But tools need men to work them if they are to do the job they were made for. The Navy needs men and we need the Navy. Has any nation not actually engaged in warfare ever, in the history of the world, stood in greater need of naval defense than does the United States today? Remember that in fulfilling that need you in the Navy are propitiating a way of life that our population of 140,000,000 has accepted as the best that this or any other era has known.

It is no secret that a way of life opposed to ours has already made frightening headway as far west in Europe as France and Italy. It is also well understood that that way of life does not hesitate at the use of force to promote its own growth. It is further well known from observation that such force usually is directed toward states that show themselves unprepared to defend themselves.

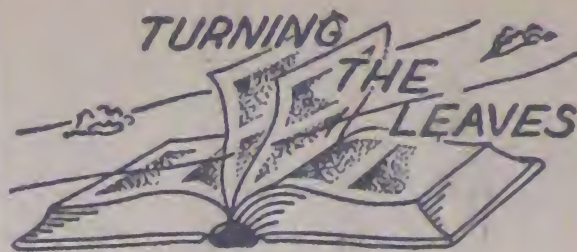
The simplest way to be prepared is to keep our fleet fully manned with trained personnel. We cannot do that without the cooperation of every one of us who believes in our nation and what it means to the life of each of us. It is our moral responsibility to our nation, to ourselves, to man that fleet.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

### FAITH AND HUMAN RELATIONS

God has not placed us into this world alone and helpless, left to shift for ourselves like abandoned orphan children. His love and wisdom have designed ways and means for us to live happily as His true children. As He desires faith to regulate our relations with Him, so too does He wish it to regulate our relations with our fellow-men. Thus, faith orders the mutual attitude of parents and children, employer and employee, rulers and the ruled. The laws of justice and of charity are to regulate both personal and official dealings by the individual—as well as political, national and international relations among all countries. Disregard for the principles of faith brings, in its wake, war and unhappiness; while the practice of faith guarantees order and prosperity with the surety of happiness, both earthly and eternal.

Submitted by  
B. T. Poznanski, Catholic Chaplain



### PRINCE OF FOXES

By Samuel Shellabarger

Dr. Samuel Shellabarger, the author of one of the best sellers of 1945, CAPTAIN FROM CASTILE, has again come forth with a swashbuckling historical romance, filled with adventure, intrigue, and solid historical fact. In PRINCE OF FOXES he writes of an unsavory lot of gangsters, the Borgias, the Orsinis, the d'estes that made the Italy of the early 16th century such a hell-hole of politics and warfare. The central figure in the tale is a hard-bitten condottiere named Andrea Orsini, a man with a dubious past and a present which leaves no doubt that he has little integrity save to his chosen master, Cesare Borgia. Andrea is a paragon in all but virtue—he can paint, sing, compose verse, mix metals, prepare blueprints, plan battles, handle a sword or bandy diplomatic words equally well; added to these is his genius in being able to escape assassination, a notable attainment for those in the intimate employ of the Eorgias.

Andrea puts behind him his peasant beginnings, assumes the manners and trappings of a noble and attaches himself to the corrupt and glamorous court of Cesare Borgia. The tale begins in Venice, where, in an artist's studio, he meets the beautiful dainty Camilla, wife of the ruler of the city-state of Citta del Monte. On one of Andrea's delicate missions for the notorious Borgia he is involved in a plot to betray Camilla's aged husband, trick him into first allying his small city-state with the Borgia cause, and finally have him slain. Andrea is promised the hand of the lovely Camilla in marriage if he successfully completes this nefarious scheme.

The major portion of the book deals with Andrea's spiritual regeneration as he comes under the spell of the kind, humane atmosphere at the court of Camilla and her husband, Marc' Antonio Varano. The lovely Camilla captures his heart; the kind husband captures his conscience. The small area under their control, held together as it was by affection and justice rather than by fear and armed strength, suggests a new theory to Andrea. He sees the true basis of lasting political stability and contrasts it to the basis on which Cesare Borgia is attempting to unite Italy under his corrupt rule of armed force.

## Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll bids welcome to LTJG R. B. Compton, MCR, USNR, who reported here from FMF, Pacific, and J. B. Amgwert, CPHM, whose last duty station was the Pacific Reserve Fleet, San Diego.

There was one officer and two enlisted men transferred during the past week; LTJG T. F. Bak, MCR, USNR, to NAF, Attu, Alaska; C. C. Steward, HA2, to Dental School, Bethesda; and R. G. St. Janzito, HA1, to NSD, Clearfield, Utah.

Joining others who left for the great outside during the week were D. Mayberry, HA1, "J". "D." Blundell, PHM2, D. D. Christie, HA1, and D. L. Grauer, PHM3.

## Three Wise Men

Three wise men they are! Not in the flowing robes of Biblical characters however, but in the uniform of a Navy Chief.

The first—a tall, sandy "Swede" and instigator of the search for wisdom—is the property and personnel chief in the Laboratory; it is he who is called Sandeen. The second answers to the name of Bobb and is usually found complacently cutting tissue in Pathology. The third, Brandon, the wheel of Urinalysis, divides his spare time between the chow line and the trio's project.

Before going further, it's time to introduce the object of their endeavor—a course in American Law and Procedures from the La Salle Extension University. Their reasons for taking the extracurricular studies are similar. Foremost is the desire to fit Law into their Navy career, so that they can better carry out their duties and responsibilities. Secondly, the trio plan to practice the legal profession upon retirement.

In addition to this Sandeen utilizes the remainder of his spare time with flying lessons at the local airport.

### NOTICE! NOTICE!

To enhance the spirit of Christmas, choir rehearsals are scheduled for Thursday evenings at 1900 in the station Chapel. Invitation to participate is extended by Mrs. Shupp, the director, to anyone who may be interested in group singing.

### OAK LEAF'S 5th YEAR STARTS

October 23rd marked the fifth year of the Oak Leaf's publication. The Oak Leaf was a five by six mimeographed paper at its inception and it was on 13 May, 1944, that the first printed copy rolled off the press.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews

Sunday—

Divine Service.....1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Daily Noon Mass.

Confessions before Mass.

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound at

Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested

attending religious services, contact

Chaplain's office, phone extension 184

The Field Representative of the National

Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service

Dept., is in attendance on the hospital

compound once a week. Men desiring

see him should contact the Chaplain's

office.



Introducing

Our Civilian Consultants...

Dr. Harold Rosenblum has spent fifteen years studying and treating diseases of the heart, and today the results of his study are known not only in the Bay Area but throughout the state.

As consultant-in rheumatic fever for the State Department of Public Health, the San Francisco cardiologist has been instrumental in organizing a rheumatic fever control program. Diagnostic clinics are being set up in major cities so that the disease can be detected in children and treated at the right time, thus minimizing or preventing heart damage—the most serious effect of this disease. Hospitals and convalescent homes for treating children with rheumatic fever are included in the public health project, which is farther advanced in California than in any other state at the present time.

CALIFORNIA ALUMNUS

Dr. Rosenblum, a native Californian, is an alumnus of the University of California and of the University's Medical School, where he received



DR. HAROLD ROSENBLUM

his MD in 1930. Going east the following year, he worked as a research fellow at the Boston Dispensary and later at Harvard Medical School. There he had the opportunity of studying under Dr. Samuel A. Levine, internationally known cardiologist. Upon completion of his residency he returned to San Francisco to join the faculty of the U.C. Medical School, where he has since served as assistant professor of medicine.

The doctor's teaching was interrupted during the war when he was commissioned in the Naval Reserve. On December 28, 1942. With the rank of commander, he was assigned to duty as cardiologist at three Naval activities—Oak Knoll, U.S. Naval Hospital, Shoemaker, and U.S. Fleet Hospital No. 111 on Guam.

ACTIVE IN RESEARCH

Since his separation from the service on April 2, 1946, he has maintained offices at 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco. In addition to his private practice and his state and university work, Dr. Rosenblum is Associate Chief of Medicine at Mt. Zion Hospital, consultant in cardiology here and at Permanente, and a member of the visiting staff at Stanford and Hahnemann hospitals. He has been active in the field of research throughout his medical career and is the author of many articles in the field of cardiovascular disease. He was recently elected a member of the Assembly of the American Heart Association, is past president of the California Heart Association, and a

Here and There

The working committee of the Officers' Wives Club, with Mrs. Coy Abernathy as chairman, has been busy these last two weeks making bandages and cotton applicators for use throughout the hospital. At two meetings held the first and second Wednesdays in October these industrious ladies made sixty-five dozen four-by-fours and hundreds of cotton applicators. And they want other wives to join them.

The shiny red Plymouth convertible seen parked in the barracks area so regularly these days belongs to that vivacious Wave, Lou Moore, PHM1.

Miss Hazel Hoffer, ARC Assistant Field Director at this hospital for the past year has just been transferred this week to Mare Island Hospital to take over the leadership of the Red Cross unit there. A good promotion for Miss Hoffer but a loss to Oak Knoll.

Wedding bells continue to ring among the Waves and hospital corpsmen. Ruth Kirkpatrick, PHM2 and Robert Ardeson, PHM2, have just returned to duty after that month long honeymoon.

Congratulations to Commander J. S. Shaver! On October 23, 24, and 25, while he was on leave in Chicago, he took and passed examinations in anatomic and clinical pathology and is now a member of the American Board of Pathology.

Not to be outdone by the rest of the Civilian Personnel Office staff, Dolores Coyle made an appearance wearing a diamond the other day. This makes it unanimous on the part of the office force for Marian Haas, Marian Reihl, and Gerry Ratti are wearing diamond rings, while Mary Camelo and Ella Burr have wedding bands guarding theirs.

NOTICE

Beginning next week, the Beauty Shop will be open only three days a week; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday by appointment. Call Ext. 186 or Sweetwood 8-8315.

member of the American Federation for Clinical Research.

Off-duty diversions for the doctor are playing the piano—jazz preferred—and sailing his cutter, the Atlasta, which recently won the 1947 San Francisco Bay Yacht Racing Association Division 14 championship. The Atlasta's crew includes Mrs. Rosenblum, 11-year-old Linda, and her seven-year-old brother, William.



The commanding Officer greets two recent visitors to Oak Knoll. Maj. General K. Cheung and Father Paul McNally. (See Father McNally story in 25 October issue of Oak Leaf).

Chinese Doctor Pays Visit to Oak Knoll

Maj. General K. Cheung, MD, Dean of the Chinese Army Medical College, Shanghai, came to Oak Knoll last week to inaugurate his tour of American hospitals, military and university-attached. His ultimate destination is Washington, D. C. and New York.

In company with the Commanding Officer the General saw the set-up of all departments, spent some time in surgery, and visited several wards. Along with his interest in medical apparatus, physical equipment and hospital organization, he gave considerable attention to all phases of residency training offered at this hospital.

As a result of his extensive study of American medical institutions General Cheung hopes to carry back with him to China workable innovations in his own medical school at Shanghai. There at the Army Medical College he has a composite of five schools: Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Nursing, and Field Service, to which are attached about 200 doctors. Adjoining the College is a hospital where patients are offered the best available medical and nursing care.

"We do not have hospital corpsmen like you people," added General Cheung. "And our nurses are some men, some women."

Though this is Doctor Cheung's first time on American soil, the gracious, unassuming Chinese medico is right at home with Americans. During the last War, as surgeon-general in the Chinese army, he served in connection with General Armstrong's USA Forces operating in the Chinese sector.

Besides speaking English with unusual fluency, Doctor Cheung likewise has command of the German language. The latter accompanied his professional training at the University of Berlin which he attended several years prior to the war.

NEW MEXICO SCRAPPED

(SEA)—Top offer for the USS New Mexico (BB-40), which was put on sale for scrap by the Navy, was a \$381,000 bid by a New York company. The new Mexico is a 33,000-ton battleship.

Navy Nurse Corps

LT Marion E. Van Horne, NC, USN, reported for duty from USNH, Portsmouth, Va. Now a Certain Someone can catch up with the latest happenings at Portsmouth.

Miss Catherine Richardson, assistant Senior Nurse, spent the weekend in Sacramento.

Miss Hurlock back from leave is again on duty in OPD.

Miss Wolfgang is beaming these days. Reason—new car.

Congratulations to LTJG Freeda Randall, who is now Mrs. Rudolph Fanska.

It won't be long now—"Wanted—New Anesthetist"—Miss Isabelle Kiehl caught the bride's bouquet. Good luck!

Rainy season—"Time on my hands—no exercise," overheard at NOQ. Guess Who?

For adoption—"four Kuddly Kittens." Any one interested see Mrs. Premo, housekeeper at NOQ.

Happy Birthday to LCDR L. Beumer, ENS M. Barrow, LTJG R. Hartley, LT R. Goodell, LTJG O. Hurlock, ENS J. Olander—bringing the total to thirteen for the month of October.

Marines No Longer To Wear Patches

(SEA)—The wearing of distinctive shoulder patches by MarCorps and MarCorps Reserve personnel will be discontinued on 1 Jan., 1948. MarCorps Headquarters announced in Ltr. of Instruction 1499, dated 23 Sept., 1947.

Only exception will be the shoulder insignia authorized for the Recruiting Service as a whole.

Naval personnel on active duty have not been allowed to wear shoulder patches since 17 Jan., 1947, though discharged personnel may wear them on uniforms on ceremonial occasions.

During the war, when the MarCorps numbered nearly 500,000 men and women, there was a need for distinguishing markings to boost morale and identify combat veterans. Now, however, there are only about 100,000 Marines and solidarity rather than subordinate loyalties is to be stressed.

Classes To Be Held

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successful salesperson and buyer. She has for several years directed the sales training program for personnel and department heads in one of San Francisco's nationally known specialty shops. Mrs. Saare is enthusiastic about sales work and the job opportunities it offers to people interested in this type of work.

Each of these classes will help in any work you take up and may give you some definite leads on the kind of work you want to do. Even if you are leaving in a month or so, it will be worth your while. Classes will begin November 3 and 4.

Gals are divided into two classes—those who shut their eyes when kissing, and those who look to see if you do.



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### Sports Quiz

- (AFPS) — 1. Although the famed "four horsemen" of Notre Dame were all worthy of All-America consideration in 1924, it was necessary to keep one of them out of top-honor backfields to make room for: Albie Booth, Chris Cagle, Red Grange, Pug Lund, Willie Heston?
2. During the war, when Pete Pihos won All-America honors at both end and fullback in different years, it brought to mind one of the greatest names in football history. What Minnesota ace gained fame first as a tackle and later as a line-bruising ball carrier?
3. What do the following have in common: Johnny Lujack, Frank Carideo, Harry Stuhldreher and George Ratterman?
4. Which one of the following pitchers did not win 20 or more games in 1947: Warren Spahn, Hal Newhouser, Ralph Branca, Larry Jansen, or Ewell Blackwell?
5. Billy Herman has resigned as manager of the Pirates. Although former second base star wound up his career as a regular player with the Dodgers and Braves, his greatest days were spent with another National League team. Which one?

## Sportin' Around

By Ships' Editorial Association

**FACTS AND FIGGERS** about football can be interesting in themselves—an attribute most other competitive sports do not have. Usually long lists of statistics would bore all but the most avid fans. But not in football. Perhaps that is because football fans are all avid.

Last week's discussion on the longest pass leads, most naturally, into the longest run ever recorded in football.

Altogether, records show that since the beginning of intercollegiate football, there have been 129 officially-recorded runs of 100 yards or more.

The way these longest runs were initiated is of interest.

Almost half — 46 per cent — were runbacks of kickoffs. Next largest group—27 per cent—were runbacks of intercepted passes. Runs from scrimmage accounted for 16 per cent of the long runs. Runs from caught fumbles make up eight per cent of the totals. And punt runbacks, surprisingly, netted only three per cent of the total of long runs.

Longest run of all? Well, that answer is a cinch. And this run will never be equalled. Wyllis Terry of Yale, 1884, holds the record. Starting from scrimmage he ran 115 yards. Impossible? Not at all. The field at that time was 110 yards long and the line of scrimmage was on the goal line. He ran from five yards in back of the goal. And that's why the run will never be equalled, since in 1912 the field was shortened to 100 yards.

Up, up, up goes the average, slow but sure. So we won't stop picking the contests yet. Gridiron prognostications, .761 worth, coming up (last week's average was .771):

Army over Columbia. William and Mary over Boston U. Colgate over Brown. Cornell over Princeton. Dartmouth over Harvard. Maryland over VPI. Penn over Navy. Penn State over West Virginia in the day's wildest wooliest, most exciting tiff.

Illinois over Purdue. Northwestern over Indiana. Notre Dame over Iowa. Michigan over Minnesota. Kentucky over Michigan State. Oklahoma over TCU. UCLA to edge SMU in a thriller. Texas and Rice to battle to a draw. Georgia over Alabama. Duke to tip Wake Forest. LSU to edge Vanderbilt. Tulane over Auburn. Virginia over VMI.

And in the Far West, California over Southern Cal. Washington over Stanford. Oregon State over Portland in a walk.

### Knoll Keglers Lose

Bowling without one of their regulars the Knoll keglers lost to a team from N.A.S. Moffett Field last Monday night.

Chief Bowser replaced CPHAR Brock who was sidelined because of an injured ankle.

High bowler of the evening was Fleming of Moffett Field with a 201 single and a three game total of 527.

Team scores were: Oak Knoll 716, 693, and 642; Moffett Field 787, 803, and 728.

## Buy • Sell • Rent

**FOR SALE** — Fur coat, northern muskrat, hollander blended, worn three times, cost \$412. Ask only \$350 cash. G. H. Lawrence, PHM2, Wd. 75B.

**FOR SALE**—Gaffers & Satlers table top enamel 4 burner gas stove, almost new. Will sell for \$90. Boy's bicycle, \$25. Phone Ext. 179 or Oak Leaf office.

**FOR SALE**—Kodak 35 with R. F. flash and lens hood. Call Ext. 183.

**FOR SALE**—Leather golf bag in excellent condition. \$35. May be seen in doctor's office, 72B. Ped. CDR M. Kurzrok.

**FOR SALE**—17 Jewel Ladies wrist watch (rose gold) Bulova. One Rolls Razor, used only few times. McGinnis, CPHM. Ext. 152.

### NOTICE

Anyone interested in competing in a station tennis and handball tournament contact Chief Alwood of the athletic department. This is an all-hands invitation.

### NAVY ACTS FOR SAFETY

WASHINGTON (AFPS) —The installation of a device to measure the height of clouds over air stations in 42 Naval Air Bases throughout the world, has been announced by the Navy.

### ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ

1. Grange, perhaps the greatest of them all.
2. Bronko Nagurski, now a professional wrestler.
3. All played quarterback for Notre Dame.
4. Newhouser.
5. The Chicago Cubs. The combination of Stan Hack, Billy Jurges and Herman at third, short and second was one of baseball's finest.

## SecNav Hails Coral Sea as "Peace Of America Afloat"

(SEA)—"The Navy believes that this is the finest ship that now can be built." SecNav John L. Sullivan declared as the USS Coral Sea (CVP-43) slid down the ways at her commissioning at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va., on 1 October.

"Into it has gone all that was learned in the hard school of war. Behind it are the accumulated skills of American designers, engineers and workmen. In this ship and the ships company are men and materials drawn from the cities and farms from the mountains and vast plains of our great land. The Coral Sea is more than a unit of the Fleet; it is a piece of America afloat."

"This ship . . . has a duty to fulfill. She must keep alive the skills learned in the recent conflicts. As new weapons appear, you—her crew—must study and develop them, for in a national emergency the regulars must be prepared to teach the volunteers and reservists who will hasten to the defense of their country."

"As you go forth," the SecNav concluded, "the Navy and the American people join me in wishing you good luck and Godspeed."

## • Movie Schedule •

Sunday, 26 October  
**RIDE THE PINK HORSE**  
Robert Montgomery—Wanda Hendrix  
News

Monday, 27 October  
**WONDER MAN**  
Danny Kaye  
Steeple Chasers

Tuesday, 28 October  
**NIGHTMARE ALLEY**  
Tyrone Power—Joan Blondell

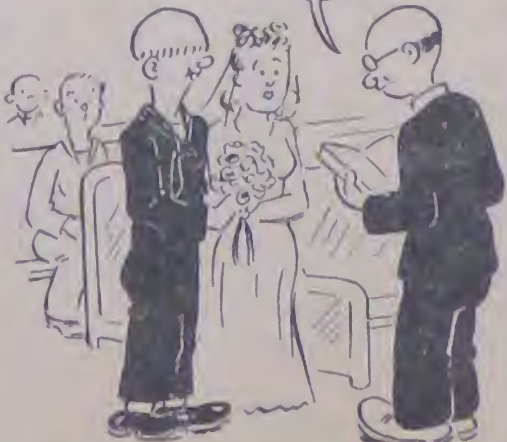
Wednesday, 29 October  
**GOOD GIRLS GO TO PARIS**  
Melvin Douglas—Joan Blondell  
Wife to Spare

Thursday, 30 October  
**THE SEA HAWK**  
Errol Flynn

Friday, 31 October  
**THE HUCKSTERS**  
Clark Gable—Deborah Kerr  
News

Saturday, 1 November  
**THE BACHELORS DAUGHTERS**  
Gail Russell—Claire Trevor  
Trotting Kings

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## Wave's Impromptu Halloween Party Held In Quarters

As a surprise at the Wave Barracks last Friday night Alice Johnson and Betty Evers staged an old-fashioned Halloween party in the rumpus room for all the residents.

Amid the atmosphere of festive decorations, spooks and witches, games and contests were enjoyed by the night crew before reporting for duty and by the night crew coming off duty and those on the liberty party from 2200-2400.

Food, favors and prizes were in the ring, and even the two Waves in black bay, Elsie Marshall and Agnes Zellner had their share of the favors.

Prize winners of the "crazy" contests were Flora Wright, Pat Ardeson, Jerry Dvorak, and Lee Goins.

## Cats Carry Old Disease to U.S.

Chicago—(AFPS)—One of the oldest diseases known to medicine traced back as far as 5,000 B.C., has invaded the United States for the first time, brought into the country by returning service men.

Dr. Jacob Bitsch, Professor of Zoology at the University of Alexandria in Egypt, said that the disease, a bladder ailment known as schistosomiasis, presents one of the most serious medical problems in the world. It is caused by small parasitic worms which lodge in the bladder, causing stones, blockage of the bladder, uremic poisoning, and cancer.

"At least 300,000,000 persons in nearly every country are suffering from it today," Dr. Bitsch said.

Thousands of Americans who lived in a condition of hardship in many parts of the world during the war might have the disease, Dr. Bitsch said. Most doctors in this country know little or nothing about it.

The worms which cause the disease are barely visible to the naked eye. They live in the bodies of water snails and enter the human body through the skin or by mouth.

The worm can be killed by boiling water, or rendered harmless by allowing water to stand for 24 hours. It cannot live longer than that outside the body of snails or humans.

## NAVY ENLISTMENT GAINS

Washington (AFPS) — The Navy came within two-tenths of one per cent of reaching its September recruiting quota, with 7,475 new enlistments and 7,502 reenlistments. The August quota was 23.5 per cent short when only 11,511 were recruited.



Dr. Paul White, Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Chief of the Cardiac Clinic of Massachusetts General Hospital, was a visitor on the compound last Saturday. Dr. White held a clinic in which he discussed several heart cases from among patients hospitalized here. The heart specialist has been on the West Coast to speak to the heart division of the California Tuberculosis Association at its recent meetings in San Francisco.

## Mirth Maids & Melody Is Holiday Show

Top-line entertainment is offered patients and staff Tuesday, 11 November when USO-Camp Shows presents Mirth Maids and Melodies in the station auditorium.

Preceding their evening performance in the auditorium, the variety revue will tour wards during the afternoon to entertain bed patients.

Mirth Maids and Melody is comprised of personalities that have been entertaining the public—and during the war, G.I.'s—for many years. Many in the audience may recognize some of the cast for they have appeared in movies and nightclubs, and have starred on the radio.

The cast includes: Walter D. Wahl, Comedy knockabout; Larry Weeks, Juggler; Helene Denison, Dancer; Burton Sister, Singing act; Lee Nevells, Harmonica act; Crewe and O'Connor, Dance team; Fred Jordon, Comedy magic act; The Coeds, Acrobatic act; and Viola Klaiss, Pianist.

## MAN OF STEEL

Lansing, Kan. (AFPS)—An inmate of the State Prison here is so tough he not only eats nails but other assorted hardware as well.

Prison doctors operated on the man recently and found: 401 nails, two safety razors, five metal washers, a three inch screw, a couple of 2-inch stove bolts, a 2-inch nut, a large brass washer, thumb tacks, a quarter-inch screw and 60 other small metal objects like paper clips and safety pins.

His condition? Satisfactory, the doctors said.

## U.S. Population Gain Sets All-time Mark

(AFPS)—Registering the largest gain in history, the population of the United States increased by 2,279,000 last year, the Census Bureau has reported. The increase was believed due to the large postwar rise in the birth rate.

The total population on Jan. 1, 1947, was 142,673,000.

The Bureau said a net immigration of about 251,000 was a negligible factor in the "striking increase," which was due primarily to the "large rise in the birth rate following demobilization and continuation of the death rate at a low level."

## 15 Escort Carriers Receive Awards

(SEA) — Fifteen escort carriers have been awarded Presidential Unit Citations and Navy Unit Commendations for outstanding combat records in World War II. Eight of the "jeep" carriers were awarded the Presidential Unit Citations — USS Sangamon (CVE-26), Suwanee (CVE-27), Santee (CVE-29), Natoma Bay (CVE-62), Fanshaw Bay (CVE-70), Savo Island (CVE-78), Petrol Bay (CVE-80), and Lunga Point (CVE-94).

Seven of the carriers were awarded the Navy Unit Commendation—USS Chenango (CVE-28), Anzio (CVE-57), Manila Bay (CVE-61), Wake Island (CVE-65), Hoggatt Bay (CVE-75), Marcus Island (CVE-77) and Makin Island (CVE-93).

## Parades, Speeches, Silent Tribute Mark Armistice Day

Oak knoll will observe Armistice Day, 11 November with holiday routine.

All over America people will pause during the day to give silent tribute to those whose lives were lost in past wars.

To honor the memory of the 260,000 Americans killed in combat in World War II, President Truman has been asked to lead the nation's observance of Armistice Day by placing a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, at Washington. In ceremonies there, James F. O'Neil, national Commander of the American Legion, will speak.

In Philadelphia there will be a parade of Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard units. Speakers will be Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall and Generals Jacob L. Devers and Ira T. Wyche. Leaders in the United States are stressing that in these unsettled times our thoughts must be concerned with military preparedness.

Armistice Day originated at the close of World War I, when the talk of the world was disarmament and demobilization, and the permanent end of war.

## Uncle Sam Says



Wise Americans are looking beyond this year's Thanksgiving table and building future happy Thanksgiving Days for themselves and their families through regular purchase of Savings Bonds. Millions of Americans can be thankful for the Payroll Savings Plan for the opportunity of buying Bonds where they work and the Bond-A-Month Plan where they bank. Protect your family's future with United States Savings Bonds.

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## Savings Buy Security

"Well, I made it this time but I didn't have much more than car fare left—wish I could save a little something!"

How often have you said that yourself on pay day? How often have you thought it? The answer to both questions is the same—countless times.

But we CAN save! During the war we did. We bought War Bonds. "Sure," some of us say, "It was patriotic to buy bonds then. There wasn't anything else to buy anyway."

There is some truth in both of those statements. But we DID save!

Some of us cashed in our bonds from necessity to tide us over rough spots and were we glad we had them?

Government bonds are still available. The allotment savings plan by which we bought them before is still in effect. The bonds are no longer War Bonds. They are simply United States Savings Bonds. In a way they are still for defense—the defense of our own security—defense of sound economic principles. In a sense it is still patriotic to buy them because on the security of us as individuals rests the security of the nation.

There is nothing glamorous about the act of saving. It is a task. It means making the decision NOT to buy something because we want to save for something else we want more. It means we DON'T buy a ring because we want a wrist watch. We DON'T buy the wrist watch because we want an automobile. We DON'T buy the automobile because we want a house.

We think if we only had a little more money we could save a little of it. Most of us know from experience that every time we make a rate we are just as broke every pay day as we were before. Most of us have found that the more we make the more we spend. The more we spend the less we save and the less we save the less security we have.

Most of us at Oak Knoll are making more money than we ever did before. Most of us know by now, the value of security and many of us learned it the hard way. Most of us desire security more than ever. All of us can buy this security by means of the allotment deduction plan.

Let's all buy ourselves a share of security—NOW!

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews  
Sunday—  
Divine Service.....1030  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900  
Daily Noon Mass.  
Confessions before Mass.

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings

Are you yearning to learn how to dance so that you can take "the lady" out and trip the light fantastic? If so, have you visited the American Red Cross recreation lounge on Monday afternoons from two until four, when two charming teachers from the Arthur Murray studio come out to teach you how to dance or to help you brush up on your dancing technique? Rhumba, Samba, or jitterbug should be among your accomplishments and these Arthur Murray teachers will be glad to help you with any of these.

### STAMP CLUB

Are you a stamp collector—or are you interested in becoming one? If so, the Red Cross is very interested in reactivating the Stamp Club. There are United States and foreign albums available for patients who are interested in starting a collection. Stamps are numerous for the beginner and it is fascinating to dig through boxes of stamps looking for that one you need to finish a collection. People in the communities are generous about sending collections of stamps for the patients at this hospital. The members of the Oakland Stamp Club are most anxious to come out and talk to the stamp collectors here and are also interested in supplying and trading stamps. So all of you prospective or active stamp collectors, tell your Red Cross Gray Lady and stamps and albums will be coming your way.

### YWCA HOSTESSES

Have you seen all of those pretty hostesses around the hospital on Tuesday nights, putting on parties and visiting the various wards? They are from the YWCA at the University of California, and they will be coming to the hospital each Tuesday night. Watch for them on your ward for parties and card games.

### CRAFT SHOP NEWS

Have you started to think about Christmas? Remember that it is not very far off, and now is an excellent time to make many attractive Christmas gifts down in the Red Cross Craft Shop. It is open every day in the morning and afternoon, and there you will find many skilled Gray Ladies to assist you in your projects or to give you ideas of things to make. There are all kinds of power tools so any type of carpentry work can be done. Wheels are available so any type of kiddie car or wheel toy could be made for your child. Plexiglass, leather, and weaving supplies—from surplus supplies—are available for that Christmas gift for your best girl or wife. The Craft Shop has unlimited possibilities for Christmas gifts.

### TOOLED COPPER WORK

Those Gray Ladies who take the crafts around to the wards each day will have something new to offer in the near future. It is tooled copper, and the patients who have worked with leather will find that it is somewhat the same. The only tools and equipment that it takes is a small sheet of copper, a modeler, design, and something very easy to look at can be made. So look for the Gray Lady on your ward with this brand new craft. Wall plaques and pictures made of tooled copper would be a most acceptable Christmas gift.

## Corpsmen Eligible For ETM-AETM School

Because of a critical shortage of Electronic Technicians Mates and Aviation Electronic Technicians Mates BuPers urgently desires requests from Regular Navy personnel for approximately 42 weeks course at Naval School Electronics Material and 44 weeks course at Naval School Aviation Electronics Basic Maintenance. According to ALNAV 227 candidates must have at least two and one half years obligated service from date of entry into school and be qualified as follows: have a minimum GCT score of 55; arithmetical reasoning test score of 55; and mechanical knowledge (electrical) test score of 55 to be eligible.

Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers First Class are not eligible. Requests from Hospital Corps personnel shall be forwarded to BuPers via BuMed. All requests shall specifically state whether ETM or AETM instruction is desired.

Due to current shortages there are excellent prospects for advancement in these ratings.

## Soundless Sound Is Miracle Worker

(AFPS) — Scientists at Pennsylvania State College have developed a machine which pops corn, kills mice and lights a pipe. It does these things with sound that can't be heard by humans.

Called an ultra sonic siren, the device allows compressed air to escape through many small holes, chopping it into short pulses as it passes by a toothed wheel. The wheel revolves so rapidly that the pitch of the resulting sound waves is too high to be audible.

The silent siren already has been used to exterminate insects, and possibly may be utilized to sterilize food, treat seeds to increase germination, speed up chemical reactions and improve medical treatments.

## Recreation Center

(Continued from page 1)

Representing the enlisted staff personnel at the party were: Chiefs A. C. Hanson, L. H. Bowser, W. L. Johnson, A. R. Leigh, L. Goins, and W. Wilson. PHM1's D. W. Rae, A. M. Casaday, F. Wright, E. Peters, and J. Dvorak; PHM2's F. M. Larsen and B. Evers.

PHM3's V. E. Mondt, R. W. Turner, J. A. Camoroda, D. Johnson, B. G. Smith, W. C. Miler, J. C. Sopkin, G. L. George, L. R. Patrick, and J. M. Morgan.

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Officers present at the opening ceremonies were: CAPT R. M. Gillett, Executive Officer, and former hospital corpsmen — LCDR R. W. Price, LT M. J. Millard, LT J. P. Duane, LTJG B. I. Brechelsen, LTJG E. F. Hickey, and CPHAR C. B. Gordon.



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Mrs. R. Fanska, previously known as LTJG F. Randall, made that important trip south again by air.

Welcome—LCDR V. Kramer from leave in Texas. LT S. P. Gray from civilian life. She is spending two weeks with us as required for reserve nurses desirous of retaining their Naval Reserve status.

Here's to more Halloween parties as the one held in Bldg. 24—im-promptu talent is amazing!

East Bay and Peralta and on the courtesy staffs at Providence and Merritt Hospitals.

After working hours, the doctor's path may turn in one or two directions—home or out - of - doors, where he likes to fish, hunt, or play golf. Evidence of his enthusiasm for trout fishing is the fact that for the past 25 years he has vacationed on the Deschutes River in Oregon. There Mrs. Leet has out-fished the doctor, who admits that he has been a good teacher. His two other most promising pupils are his 12 and 9-year-old sons, Bob and Billy.



CDR and Mrs. H. E. Wiggins made a striking couple in their winter snuggies at the gay masquerade held at the Officer's Club on Halloween. Not so well prepared for winter weather were LTJG H. F. Shroeder and LTJG Olive C. Hurlock, the tropical couple pictured at the right. LTJG F. E. Jones of the dental department attended the party as the gruesome hunchback of Notre Dame. All won prizes for their costumes.

### Gala Halloween Party Held By Officers

On the last night of October witches prowl, ghosts take shape, and this year the officers wined and dined and pranced and danced through an evening of fun and hilarity commensurate with the spirit of Halloween.

At 1700 at the Officers Club the party began with a real live ghost welcoming the guests and "warning" them of the "witch's brew" at the bar. In due time the gong sounded for the barbecue "a la Oak Knoll style" topside in the dining room.

Elaborate decorations in the downstairs lounge created the "just-right" atmosphere for the masquerading docs and their guests. And such a variety of personalities as were represented!

Besides the prize winners (see picture) there were the Crawfords as real honest-to-goodness Moros—the Commander snagged-toothed and barefooted and the missus all petite and charming from the coneshaped hat to the almost-nothing sandals; Dr. Hargiss as the piping Peter Pan and his wife as cute little Mary with her lamb; Dr. Ashley and his guest in true Highland costume, kilts 'n all; Mrs. Vinnedge in a bea-u-ti-ful Chinese outfit—her husband, a rough and ready sheriff; and a whole flock of Hawaiians including Dr. Kur-zrok and guests.

About ten o'clock came the floor show—stars every one of them. In order, the "Highland Fling" performed by Dr. Ashley and Miss Anne Arnold; the "Schottische" tempo-ed

### Red Cross Ramblings

#### DARK ROOM DOINGS

The new dark room is growing by leaps and bounds. Good photographic supplies are available, and fine pictures have been coming out of the dark room. It is now open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and Friday afternoons; and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Last week on Ward 41A, Charles Loughlin, WT2 printed pictures in broad daylight right before the patients' eyes on the ward using a new type of daylight printing paper. We hope that other patients who are unable to visit the dark room will have an opportunity to see this new paper demonstrated and used on the wards.

#### SWEET-SWING-OR BOOGIE

Did you play with Jack Teagarten's band one time? (Or maybe you coulda if you'd been around . . .). Anyway, come on in to Red Cross recreation and name your instrument. Maybe we have it. We've had good bands before, let's start another—or just play for fun!!!

#### STAMP CLUB

The Oak Knoll Stamp Club is starting again, with albums, catalogues, and stamps available for anyone who wants to start this hobby. Call Miss Coleman of the Red Cross to enroll now.

by Dr. and Mrs. Hargiss; "Jitter-bug Special" by two muchly beribboned sailors—Dr. Ewing and ENS Jenkins; and the "Hula" perfectly rhythmized by Miss Hurlock of the Nurse Corps.



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FOR SALE—17 Jewel Ladies wrist watch (rose gold) Bulova. One Rolls Razor, used only few times. McGinnis, CPHM. Ext. 152.

FOR SALE—1936 Willys. If interested call Dr. Alexander, Ext. 148.

FOR SALE—Baby Buggy, good condition. \$15. Call 223, Oak Leaf Office.

FOR SALE—One set of Encyclopedia Britannica, two Webster dictionaries, and World Atlas. Never been used. \$100. Call J. C. Weekes, Ext. 285.

## • Movie Schedule •

- Sunday, 2 November

WISTFUL WIDOW OF WAGON GAP

Abbot & Costello

Answer Man No. 8

News
- Monday, 3 November

WHAT NEXT CORPORAL HARGROVE

Robert Walker—Keenan Wynn

Hound Hunters
- Tuesday, 4 November

DEAR RUTH

Joan Caulfield—William Holden

Radio Take It Away
- Wednesday, 5 November

LONE WOLF IN LONDON

Gerald Mahr—Nancy Saunders

Hollywood Cowboys
- Thursday, 6 November

THE DOCTOR TAKES A WIFE

Loretta Young—Ray Milland

Kitty Caddy (Color)
- Friday, 7 November

THE YEARLING (Color)

Gregory Peck—Jane Wyman

News
- Saturday, 8 November

WANDERER OF THE WASTELAND

Canine Casanova (Color)

## Sportin' Around

By Ships' Editorial Association

THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE, as any sports fan can tell you, is not two men and a woman—it's passing, running and kicking. A man who can do all of these is a triple threat man on the gridiron. We've discussed the passing greats and the running greats in recent weeks. Now let's look at the kicking greats.

Field goal kicking has been called the lost art. Perhaps it is. Since 1926, only one field goal of 60 yards or over was kicked. In the "good old days," it was a common trick. At any rate, the record for the longest field goal on record is held by Haxall of Princeton who booted a field goal from his own 45-yard stripe—65 yards in all—back in 1882.

The greatest number of field goals kicked in one game by a single player is 17. They were kicked in 1924 by Forest Peters of the University of Montana against Billings Polytech. Greatest of all field goal kickers, however, was probably Charley Brickley of Harvard. His five field goals against Yale in 1913 defeated the Eli and comprised the only scoring for Harvard during the game.

Point-after-touchdown-kicking is also an art. Jim Preas of Georgia Tech kicked 18 in just one half of the game against Cumberland in 1916. H. Curtis of Syracuse kicked 15 in one game against Manhattan in 1904. Over an entire season, Acher of St. Louis U. holds the record. He booted 64 goals after touchdown in 67 tries. The greatest accuracy was registered by Weaver of Centre who missed only once in 101 tries in his three years at school. Ninety-five of these were consecutive.

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And now for the weekly football follies. "Follies" is right. Last week, our average, along with almost every other scribe's average took a nosedive. Our seasonal total is now a neither-here-nor-there .746. This week's choices:

Boston C. over Georgetown. Penn State over Colgate. Columbia over Cornell. Yale over Dartmouth. Rutgers over Harvard. Notre Dame over Navy. Penn over Princeton. Michigan over Illinois. Indiana over Ohio State. Iowa over Purdue. Wisconsin over Northwestern.

Down South, it's Kentucky over Alabama. Georgia over Clemson. Georgia Tech over Duke in a wow. LSU over Ole Miss. Miss. State over Tulane. North Carolina over Tennessee. William and Mary over Wake Forest. Arkansas over Texas A&M. Baylor over TCU—but what a game! Texas to edge SMU. And out West—Cal over UCLA. Southern Cal over Washington. Oregon State over Stanford.

**SIGHT FOR SORE EYES.** (SEA)—Winner of the ninth prize of \$5 in an essay contest on the subject, "How and Why I Came to the Bowery," sponsored by a New York City organization, was the author of the following: "I came to see the sights. Now I am one of them."

Man is but a worm. He comes along, wiggles a bit, then some chicken gets him.

## Basketball Team To Start Season 5 November

The Oak Knoll basketball schedule as announced by the athletic department is as follows:

- 5 Nov. Modesto Junior College (T)
- 7 Nov. Concordia College (T)
- 15 Nov. Modesto Jr. College (T)
- 19 Nov. U.S.F. Frosh (T)
- 21 Nov. St. Mary's Frosh (T)
- 25 Nov. PACRESFLT, S. F. Group, 12ND (H)
- 26 Nov. San Mateo Jr. College (T)
- 28 Nov. Marine Barracks, T. I. (T)
- 2 Dec. PACRESFLT, Alameda, 12ND (H)
- 3 Dec. U. of Santa Clara (T)
- 5 Dec. Staff PACRESFLT, T. I., 12ND (H)
- 6 Dec. Salinas Jr. College (T)
- 9 Dec. Receiving Station, Y.B.I., 12ND (T)
- 12 Dec. Western Sea Frontier, 12ND (T)
- 16 Dec. N.A.S., Oakland, 12ND (T)
- 19 Dec. COMFAIR, Alameda, 12ND (T)
- 6 Jan. S.F. Shipyard, 12ND (T)
- 9 Jan. Treasure Island, 12ND (H)
- 13 Jan. E.M.S., T.I., 12ND (H)
- 16 Jan. Dist. Staff Hdqts., 12ND (H)
- 19 Jan. Hamilton Field (T)
- 20 Jan. PACRESFLT, Mare Island 12ND (T)
- 23 Jan. D.Q.S., Marines, 12ND (T)
- 27 Jan. N.A.S., Moffett Field 12ND (H)
- 30 Jan. M.B., N.C.S., Oakland, 12ND (H)
- 3 Feb. N.A.S., Alameda, 12ND (H)
- 7 Feb. Hollister Jr. College (T)

Anyone wishing to go with the

## Welcome and Farewell

New arrivals at Oak Knoll during the past week were: LT A. L. May, Jr., MC, USN, from COM 9, LTJG K. D. Rogers, MCR, USNR, from the First Marines, B. E. Miller, CPHM, B. D. Armstrong, PHM3, and J. E. Dearing, PHM3, from N.S.D., Oakland, F. H. Anderberg, CPHM, J. K. McElroy, PHM2, and C. R. Hasha, PHM2, from Independent Duty School, Portsmouth, Va.; W. Wilson, CPHM, from the Medical Center, Bethesda, and E. H. Choate, HA1, from N.S.D., Clearfield, Utah.

Five men reported from the hospital corps school at San Diego; P. Sanciangco, HA1, and HA2's W. D. Cline Diebner, R. D. Holt, Jr., G. D. Smith.

Transferred to other ships and stations were: CAPT G. H. Mills, DO, USN, to Treasure Island, LTJG S. H. Calin, MCR, USNR, to U.S.S. Maury, Four Chiefs, H. G. King, L. J. Kalkofen, O. F. Tedford, W. W. Thompson, and L. V. D. Sowell, Jr., PHM3, to Naval Shipyard, San Francisco. R. G. Burnett, PHM3, to N.A.S. Alameda, and J. Romano, PHM1, to Naval Station, New Orleans, La.

Discharged from the service were: LT H. H. Edelbrock, LTJG S. Rubin, and W. W. Stern, PHM1.

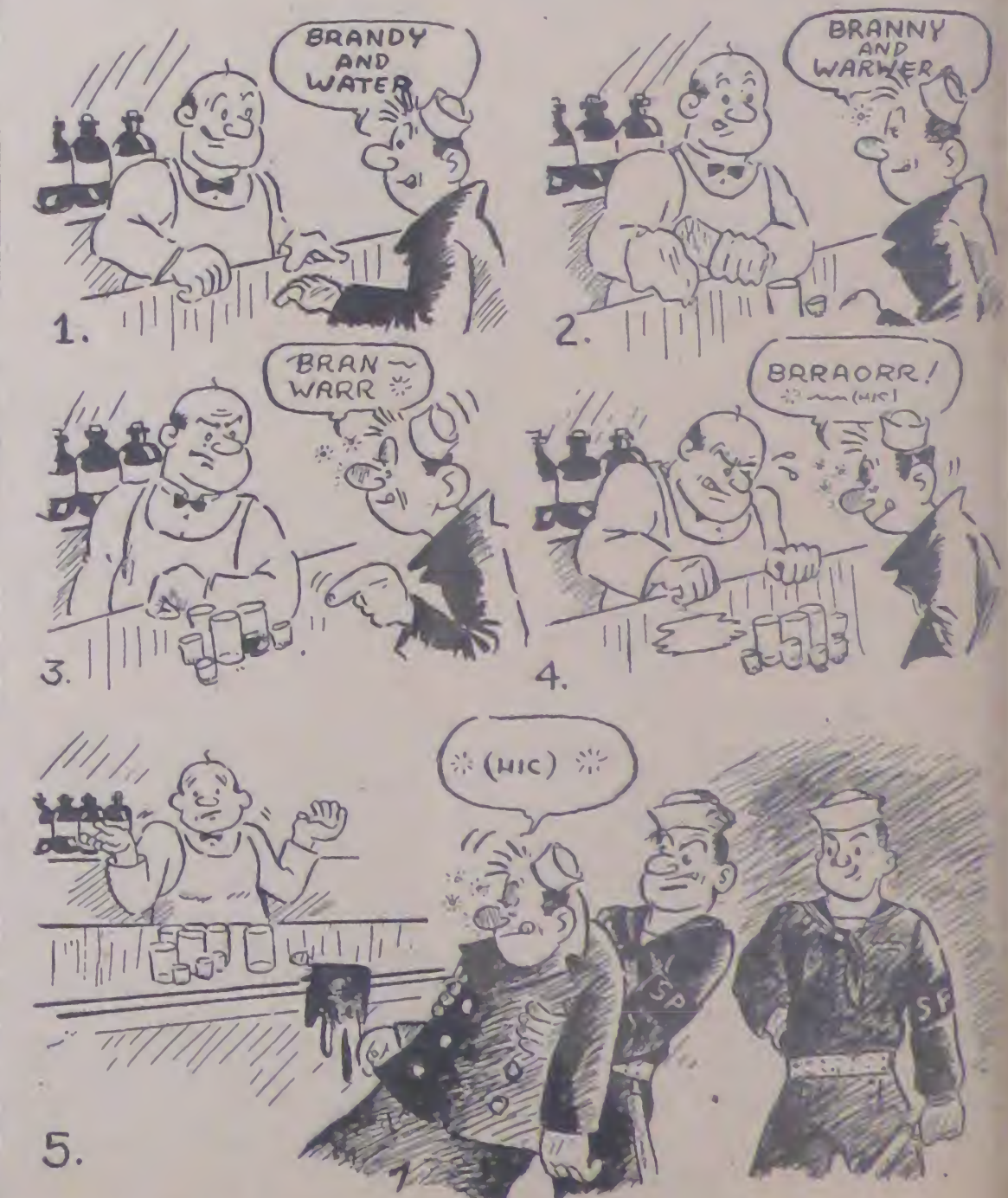
team to any of the above games as rooters leave your name in the recreation office and transportation will be furnished.

Watch the Oak Leaf and the screen at the movies for additional games and for the time the bus will leave for the games.

LET'S GET BEHIND OUR TEAM WITH YOUR SUPPORT!

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Mrs. R. Fanska, previously known as LTJG F. Randall, made that important trip south again by air.

Welcome—LCDR V. Kramer from leave in Texas. LT S. P. Gray from civilian life. She is spending two weeks with us as required for reserve nurses desirous of retaining their Naval Reserve status.

Here's to more Halloween parties as the one held in Bldg. 24—im-promptu talent is amazing!

East Bay and Peralta and on the courtesy staffs at Providence and Merritt Hospitals.

After working hours, the doctor's path may turn in one or two directions—home or out - of - doors, where he likes to fish, hunt, or play golf. Evidence of his enthusiasm for trout fishing is the fact that for the past 25 years he has vacationed on the Deschutes River in Oregon. There the Deschutes River in Oregon. There Mrs. Leet has out-fished the doctor, who admits that he has been a good teacher. His two other most promising pupils are his 12 and 9-year-old sons, Bob and Billy.



CDR and Mrs. H. E. Wiggins made a striking couple in their winter snuggies at the gay masquerade held at the Officer's Club on Halloween. Not so well prepared for winter weather were LTJG H. F. Shroeder and LTJG Olive C. Hurlock, the tropical couple pictured at the right. LTJG F. E. Jones of the dental department attended the party as the gruesome hunchback of Notre Dame. All won prizes for their costumes.

Gala Halloween Party Held By Officers

On the last night of October witches prowl, ghosts take shape, and this year the officers wine and dine and pranced and danced through an evening of fun and hilarity commensurate with the spirit of Halloween.

At 1700 at the Officers Club the party began with a real live ghost welcoming the guests and "warning" them of the "witch's brew" at the bar. In due time the gong sounded for the barbecue "a la Oak Knoll style" topside in the dining room.

Elaborate decorations in the downstairs lounge created the "just-right" atmosphere for the masquerading docs and their guests. And such a variety of personalities as were represented!

Besides the prize winners (see picture) there were the Crawfords as real honest-to-goodness Moros—the Commander snagged-toothed and barefooted and the missus all petite and charming from the coneshaped hat to the almost-nothing sandals; Dr. Hargiss as the piping Peter Pan and his wife as cute little Mary with her lamb; Dr. Ashley and his guest in true Highland costume, kilts 'n all; Mrs. Vinnedge in a bea-u-ti-ful Chinese outfit—her husband, a rough and ready sheriff; and a whole flock of Hawaiians including Dr. Kur-z-rok and guests.

About ten o'clock came the floor show—stars every one of them. In order, the "Highland Fling" performed by Dr. Ashley and Miss Anne Arnold, the "Schottische" tempo-ed

Red Cross Ramblings

DARK ROOM DOINGS

The new dark room is growing by leaps and bounds. Good photographic supplies are available, and fine pictures have been coming out of the dark room. It is now open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and Friday afternoons; and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Last week on Ward 41A, Charles Loughlin, WT2 printed pictures in broad daylight right before the patients' eyes on the ward using a new type of daylight printing paper. We hope that other patients who are unable to visit the dark room will have an opportunity to see this new paper demonstrated and used on the wards.

SWEET-SWING-OR BOOGIE

Did you play with Jack Teagarten's band one time? (Or maybe you coulda if you'd been around . . .). Anyway, come on in to Red Cross recreation and name your instrument. Maybe we have it. We've had good bands before, let's start another—or just play for fun!!!

STAMP CLUB

The Oak Knoll Stamp Club is starting again, with albums, catalogues, and stamps available for anyone who wants to start this hobby. Call Miss Coleman of the Red Cross to enroll now.

by Dr. and Mrs. Hargiss; "Jitter-bug Special" by two muchly beribboned sailors—Dr. Ewing and ENS Jenkins; and the "Hula" perfectly rhythmized by Miss Hurlock of the Nurse Corps.



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## Are You Looking For A Bargain?

BARGAIN SALE TODAY! And the wonderful part is: you don't have to stand in line because there is plenty for all.

Yes sir, the government is selling dollar bills for less than 75 cents—and gives you protection while doing so.

How many of you are taking advantage of this offer and are carrying maximum National Service Life Insurance?

Americans are well known for their propensity toward bargain hunting. The story of the house-wife who traveled miles to save a few pennies is familiar to all. And because an individual dons a uniform it doesn't necessarily follow that his attraction for bargains is left in his civilian suit.

"Bargains are swell," we say. But the fact that we would be getting much more in return for what we put in suggests that humiliating thought, "are we being made a sucker of."

And there you have the quirk in our make-up. Though ready to jump at the chance to save a few cents we hold ourselves back when a proposition is offered—so attractive—that it raises a doubt in our minds as to its true worth.

Remember when Lincoln said, "A government of the people, by the people, and for the people?" Well, N.S.L.I. was purposely set-up for the people—for you and me—who continue to make it possible to have a government of the people and by the people.

Simplified forms of bookkeeping which require no needless expense, together with an over-all efficiency of operation, add up to one of the best deals a person can make.

If cradled by the arm of protection that is extended by National Service Life Insurance, one of our insecurities in life will vanish in the knowledge that whatever tomorrow may bring the new horizon won't be clouded by our indifference to this BARGAIN SALE TODAY!

## Chaplain's Corner

The man who is without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder or compass of course. Over the foaming waste of the world's wide oceans thousands of ships are passing, but not one without a purpose. Half them where you will, each will tell you where it is going, what it is doing, why it is afloat. Can you conceive such a thing upon the high seas as a ship whose captain does not know where he is going, who replies to your question of "Whither bound?"—"I don't know;" who carries a precious cargo he knows not whither, who has no care to ascertain in what latitude he sails; who has before him no vision of a harbor, no scheme of commerce or conquest; and who gayly replies to your remonstrance, "Oh, what does it matter? I go where the winds and current take me; it will be all the same in the end!"

You would call that man a maniac. Yet that is a frequent spectacle upon the high seas of life.

W. J. Dawson

Submitted by  
 B. T. Poznanski,  
 Catholic Chaplain

## Welcome and Farewell

This week Oak Knoll welcomes CDR A. Zikmund, MC, USN from Com 9. This will be CDR Zikmund's second tour of duty here, for he was stationed here once before. LTJG L. "C" Larsen reported from ONOP for intern duty. C. T. Pope, CPHM came here from USNH, Mare Island, and W. O. Sargent, HA1, reported from NSD, Clearfield, Utah.

Farewell was said to: J. R. Kelly, CPHM, who was transferred to NAS, Moffett Field, and G. R. Greiter, PHM3, who left for the Naval Station, Tacoma, Washington.

Three men were discharged from the Naval service during the week; E. L. Rauch, HA1, M. B. Pruitt, HA1, and F. H. Parson, HA2.

### NOTICE

All musicians interested in playing in a dance band that is forming on the station, contact F. P. Sesselman, ARM2, at the Ship's Service radio repair shop or Ward 64B. Staff personnel preferred.



Chortling with glee amid the gifts given him by the many friends of his popular parents is Louis Lazo, Jr. His proud Mother and Father are Doreen and the senior Louis, who is a PHM2 working in Property and Accounting.

## Teeth Troubling You? Reach for Rhubarb

(AFPS) — Rhubarb, or an extract of the same, soon may be putting in an appearance at soft drink stands—by popular demand.

Presently with the Animal Nutrition Laboratory at Cornell University, Dr. Clive McCay has developed a theory that came to him while doing a tour in the Navy. He had observed that great quantities of soft drinks were being consumed by the men outside of the messhall. Suspicious of their harmful effect on teeth, Dr. McCay enlisted the assistance of a Navy dentist, and together they began an investigation.

Their first experiment was the immersion of two human teeth into the soft drink. In two days the teeth were soft. The same liquid refreshment fed to animals (monkeys, dogs, rats and mice) dissolved the surface of their molars in from two to eight weeks. Dr. McCay spent about two years looking for a means of countering the insidious destroyer of teeth and, incidentally, a billion-dollar-a-year U.S. industry. He finally came up with rhubarb.

Rhubarb contains oxalic acid, and oxalic acid will act like a shield protecting your tooth enamel. Put a little in with the soft drink, and your worries are over. The Doc is working right now on the problem of just how much rhubarb juice will be needed.

Someone is liable to come up with a new drink—"Rhubar-Cola." Not only hits the spot—gets rid of it, too!

## Here and There

**Wedding Bells!** LT Arthur McGowan will soon relinquish his claim to bachelorhood . . . he exchanges vows with LTJG Jeanette Whitte of the Nurse Corps soon. The "just when" plans are not too definite yet, but the date is "within three weeks."

**Military Wedding!** Glamour and pomp are everywhere evident in the dramatic picture of LTJG Ray Henn and Mrs. Henn (Doris Claire Young), which appeared in last Sunday's Oakland Tribune. The bridal couple leaving the Oak Knoll Chapel beneath an arch of crossed swords had just exchanged vows in a beautiful and impressive ceremony performed by Chaplain E. C. Andrews. The bride, given in marriage by her father, Captain H. G. Young, was lovely in a gown of ivory satin with long sweeping train and coronet of pearl beaded tulle from which fell her finger veil.

**Happy Man!** Quote from Staff Personnel: "The happiest man in the Navy this week was G. R. Greiter, PHM3, who Tuesday morning received orders for up Washington State way within 30 miles of his home. By five o'clock that afternoon he was on the train headed north.

**Leave and Marriage!** Chief M. Thompson of the Record Office asked for and got—a 6-day leave for the all-important reason: marriage. Returning from both a leave and a honeymoon last week was Carl J. Stevenson, PHM2. Carl married a hometown (Clearfield, Utah) girl, Colleen King.

**Champion Collector!** The champion "coupon collector for free csn of cetera" Chief Small, last week spent 5 hours in Oakland Auditorium waiting for the lucky number to be drawn by one of the 60,000 persons present. He didn't.

**Belated Congrats!** To wee Lela Ellen Rouen belated congratulations and best wishes for making Mom and Pop (Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Rouen) so happy the day of her arrival.

**Off the Cuff:** D. A. Lemmon, PHM1, on a 30-day hunting and fishing spree on the East Coast . . . Chief Brewer, desiring a floor mat for his car, took his wife's rug and clip, clip—had the mat . . . Chief Helgeson, training interior decorator, gardener and what-have-you these days for that new house he's just purchased on Riverbank Street in Castro Valley. News just leaking out: Mondt and Keeler, 'tis reported, attend Opera regularly in yem high collars and swallow tails. Umph!!

The world is full of willing people—some willing to work and the rest willing to let them.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews  
 Sunday—  
 Divine Service . . . . . 10:30  
 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
 The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
 Sunday Mass—0630, 0900  
 Daily Noon Mass.  
 Confessions before Mass.

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoon.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 10.  
 The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.





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Saturday, 15 November, 1947

## Red Cross Officers Hold Bi-Annual Conference Here

Meeting at Oak Knoll for their bi-annual Regional Conference this past Wednesday and Thursday were representatives of Pacific Area Red Cross staff, the Field Directors, and recreation staff members of USNH, Oakland; USNH, Mare Island; Letterman General Hospital.

Attending the conference were representatives of the Volunteer Services to these hospitals from Red Cross chapters of San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Vallejo, and Marin County. Assistant field directors of Fort Ord Station Hospital, and Camp Stoneman Station Hospital were also present.

The discussions at the conference centered around the activities of Red Cross volunteers, particularly the coordination of the volunteer staffs with the professional staffs of the hospitals in providing Red Cross services.

At the initial meeting Wednesday morning, the group from USNH, Mare Island introduced the subject: "Recruiting For Volunteers." In the afternoon session, Oak Knoll members brought forward the problem of "In Service Training of The Volunteer Staff." Upon resumption of the conference Thursday morning, representatives from Letterman General opened the meeting with the important subject: "Supervision of Volunteer Staff."

Luncheon was served at the Officers Club both days. On Wednesday, Miss Marie Adams, Field Director of the Red Cross at this hospital, introduced Captain C. A. Broadbuss, Medical Officer in Command, who welcomed the guests on behalf of the Navy staff at this hospital.

## Beneficial Ideas Prove Their Worth

(SEA) — "Beneficial suggestions" is an appropriate name for them. A total of 23,201 of these suggestions were made by Navy employees during the fiscal year 1947 and they paid off handsomely—both to the originators and the receiver of these ideas.

An estimated \$6,095,695 was saved by the Navy during the year as a direct result of these suggestions. And \$218,000 was paid to the civilian employees making the suggestions.

Ranging from simple time-saving proposals to complex mechanical methods, 6,072 of these were adopted and put into effect. An average of 119 naval activities had the program in operation during the fiscal year.



The Commanding Officer greets Vice Admiral Necat Ozdeniz, Chief of the Turkish Naval staff upon his arrival aboard the station. Left to right: CAPT Fritz Gleim, USN, American aide to the Admiral, CAPT Tefik Samurkas, Turkish aide, ADM Necat Ozdeniz, and CAPT Broadbuss.

## Fleet In Wide Range Tactical Exercises

(SEA)—Ranging from Bermuda to Argentina, Newfoundland, ships of the Atlantic Fleet are conducting extensive tactical exercises, beginning 29 October and ending 15 November.

Featuring surface, air-surface and submarine-surface operations as well as an amphibious landing, the operations also include training in the supply of fleet units on extended missions.

Ships participating include the USS Midway (CVB-41), the USS Fargo (CL-106) as flagships, two light cruisers, submarines, destroyers, minesweepers, minelayers, auxiliaries, amphibious ships and one anti-aircraft light cruiser. The exercises will be under the command of Vice Admiral A. W. Radford, USN, Commander, Second Task Fleet.

The ships left their East Coast ports immediately after Navy Day, rendezvousing at sea east of Cape Hatteras. Conducting exercises en route, the ships "attack" NOB, Bermuda, and then head for NOB, Argentina, to make the amphibious landing with 1,500 Marines participating.

The purpose of the exercises is to provide continuous training for personnel, especially in cold weather operations.

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## Turkish Admiral On Tour Of Bay Area Visits Oak Knoll

Climaxing a month-long visit to this country, Vice-Admiral Necat Ozdeniz, Chief of the Turkish Naval Staff, made a short stop at this hospital last Thursday as a part of his itinerary on a two-day inspection of installations in the Bay area.

With the Admiral were Captain Tefik Samurkas, his chief of staff and aide; Captain Fritz Gleim, USN, American Naval aide to the visiting Admiral, and Captain T. R. Wirth, District Public Information Officer.

Immediately on arrival the distinguished group was met by the Commanding Officer who escorted them over the station and explained the physical and professional set-up. In order that the visitors might see at first-hand something of the "inside" of the hospital, the party made special stops at wards 41A and B, OPD, and Surgery.

The Turkish dignitaries came to the United States on invitation of the Chief of Naval Operations on occasion of the completion of the survey of the Turkish military establishment conducted by officers of the U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force. This survey was made in connection with United States aid to Turkey.

## Fog-Foam Systems Reduce Fire Hazards

(SEA) — As another step in the Navy's fight against fire, high capacity fog-foam systems are being installed on board a number of aircraft carriers and fire-fighting tugs. The new equipment, developed and tested by BuShips on board carriers, is expected to reduce greatly the hazards of large gasoline fires on board ships.

The new system produces foam—the primary extinguishing agent of gasoline fires—in larger quantities and at a greater rate than has been possible heretofore.

Each system consists of a series of independent stations with outlets strategically located on hangar and flight decks. Monitor nozzles of 3½ inches each are capable of delivering 3,300 gallons of fog-foam per minute, while 2½ inch nozzles can deliver 1,200 gallons a minute. As a result, the system can throw a fog-foam blanket over many times the area and in a fraction of the time that has been possible with previously used equipment.

A similar system is being installed on tugs to enable them to combat large oil fires.

## Rabbi S. Stern To Be Guest Chapel Speaker

Guest speaker at the Protestant Church Services Sunday, 16 November, will be Rabbi Seymour Stern of the Jewish Welfare Board.

For his subject Rabbi Stern has chosen, "Displaced Persons Problem In Europe." He has just returned from a six-months tour of Central Europe where he made an extensive study of the existing situation and its relative meaning to the peoples of the world.

Among Rabbi Stern's many activities is the serving of Jewish patients in various hospitals of the Bay Area. His visit to Oak Knoll Sunday will not be his first, for prior to his journey, he attended many Jewish patients here.

## It's 100th Birthday For Marine Hymn

(SEA)—During Centennial Week, 7-13 December, the U.S. Marine Corps will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its famed marching song, "The Marines' Hymn."

The Hymn has had an interesting history. Until 1919, when it was copyrighted in its present form of three verses, each new campaign inspired some poet to add a new verse. And during World War II, new verses poured into MarCorps Headquarters every time the Leathernecks landed on another island.

The Hymn itself was written by an anonymous Marine in 1847. Only one change has been made in the official words.



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• **Movie Schedule** •

Monday, 10 November

**KILLER McCOY**

Mickey Rooney—Brian Donlevy

Tuesday, 11 November

**THE STRANGE WOMAN**

Hedy Lamarr—George Sanders

Wednesday, 12 November

**THE LOST MOMENT**

Robert Cummings—Susan Hayward

Play & Plenty

Thursday, 13 November

**BORDER "G" MAN**

George O'Brien

Social Terrors

Friday, 14 November

**MORE THAN A SECRETARY**

Jean Arthur—George Brent

Gridiron Greatness

Saturday, 15 November

**SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY**

Danny Kaye—Virginia Mayo

Sunday, 16 November

**SHE WENT TO THE RACES**

James Craig—Frances Gifford

Cat Concerto

**Sports Quiz**

(AFPS)—1. Elsie Knox and Jane Russell are two of Hollywood's loveliest lassies. Both are married to famed football stars now playing with the Los Angeles Rams. Name them.

2. The most valuable player in the National Football League in 1946 was also the youngest football captain in the University of Virginia's football history. He is: Glenn Dobbs, Frankie Sinkwich, Bill Dudley, Sam Baugh?

3. The New York Giants broke all home run records this year, finishing with a total of: 200, 211, 221, 231, or 236?

4. Armed, the horse which recently defeated Assault in a \$100,000 match race has met Stymie often. Stymie has beaten Armed how many times: 0, 3, 4, 6?

**Sportin' Around**  
*By Ships' Editorial Association*

NO USE KICKING; we're still not through talking about great kickers in gridiron history. Last week we discussed the place-kickers and drop-kickers, the point-after-touchdown kicks and the field goals. But nary a syllable did we utter about the punt.

Almost entirely a defensive weapon today, the punt originally started out as an offensive threat. It was merely a method of gaining yardage. Today it is used primarily to hand the ball over to the opposing team but making sure they get it far away from the defenders goal line.

Longest punt ever recorded was a 110-yard masterpiece by Flavin of Georgetown against Holy Cross in 1921. The ball traveled 78 yards through the air and rolled the rest of the way. Longest punts through the air were made by Albright's Breen against Moravian in 1939 and McLaughlin of Georgetown (Ky.) against Louisville in 1938. Both of these boots spiraled 88 yards through the ozone before coming to earth like all things that go up.

Shortest punt in history was made by a Navy punter. His attempt didn't get very far. About one foot from the punter's foot, Flora, a Michigan end, caught the zooming kick before it had a chance to zoom—and immediately scored a touchdown, as the play had taken place behind Navy's goal line.

We're getting slightly fouled up on our football selections, but we're not the only ones. As a matter of fact, our .734 average is above most of our contemporaries, so we'll just keep right on prognosticating.

Big game of the day is the Army-Notre Dame clash. Notre Dame will be trying to avenge that 59-0 beating and several other drubbings administered by the Kaydets in recent years. They'll win, but not until after a tough fight. Also in the east, Yale over Brown, Columbia over Dartmouth, Cornell over Syracuse, Princeton over Harvard, Holy Cross over Colgate, Maryland over Duquesne, and Georgia Tech over Navy.

Down South, Duke over Missouri, Georgia over Florida, Kentucky over West Virginia, Ole Miss over Tennessee, North Carolina over N. Car. State, Penn over Virginia—but watch out. Also Rice over Arkansas, Texas over Baylor, SMU over Texas A&M. In the West, it's Michigan over Indiana, Iowa over Wisconsin in a tight one, Kansas over Nebraska, Minnesota over Purdue, Northwestern over Ohio State, Cal over Washington, UCLA over Oregon State, and Oregon over Washington State.

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**ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ**  
4. Stymie has never beaten Armed.  
3. 221.  
2. Dudley.  
field.  
1. Tommy Harmon and Bob Water-

**Buy • Sell • Rent**

FOR SALE—Gaffers & Satler table top enamel 4 burner gas stove, almost new. Will sell for \$90. Boy's bicycle, \$25. Phone Ext. 179 or Oak Leaf office.

FOR SALE—Leather golf bag in excellent condition. \$25. May be seen in doctor's office, 72B. Ped. CDR M. Kurzrok.

FOR SALE—Wilton rug, 9x12. Rose background, in good condition. \$50. Contact LT Shields, Ward 40B.

FOR SALE—Ford, 1936 V8 Coupe. Motor excellent condition. Best offer over \$400. Contact ENS Coats, Ward 66A.

LOST—Lady Buxton Wallet on or about 27 Oct. containing ID card, personal papers, and money. Finder return ID card and papers to LTJG C. Zubaitis, Oak Leaf Office.

FOR SALE—Baby Buggy, good condition. \$15. Call 223, Oak Leaf Office.

The cartoons seen in the last few issues of the Oak Leaf are reprints of cuts used in the past. Moiphy and Okie are the brain children of John Penberthy, former hospital corpsman. While art editor on the Oak Leaf staff he and his cartoons enjoyed wide popularity. His cartoons have been reprinted on numerous occasions by other Navy publications.

**Moiphy**  
By PENBERTH

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## ntroducing

## Our Civilian Consultants . . .

The life of Dr. Edward J. Ringrose, up to January 12, 1944, had been strictly Iowan. He was born in Sioux City, received his BS degree from Iowa State College at Ames, and in 1939 had completed his work for an MD at the University of Iowa Medical School in Iowa City. He interned at the University of Iowa Hospital and remained there for three years' specialized training in dermatology and syphilology. He had accepted a position on the teaching staff at the University and was serving as dermatology instructor when he received orders to the Naval Reserve.

Today, the former midwesterner is a confirmed Californian, with a preference for Berkeley, where his single hangs at 2436 Durant Avenue. He is on the staffs of Cowell Hospital on the U. C. Campus and Herrick Memorial Hospital, Berkeley, and is a member of the Oakland City Health Department. Further evidence of the



DR. EDWARD J. RINGROSE

Oak Knoll consultant's ambition and ability is the fact that he is a Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology and Syphilology.

## Served at Oak Knoll

Dr. Ringrose began his Naval service at Portsmouth, Virginia, but was soon transferred to the U. S. Naval hospital, Norman, Oklahoma, to organize the dermatology department of which he served as chief for nine months. In August, 1945, the skin specialist reported to San Bruno to await assignment to duty in the Pacific, but following the announcement of VJ day, he was ordered to the School of Tropical Medicine at Treasure Island. His studies there were followed by a brief tour of duty at the Separation Center, Shoemaker. The reserve lieutenant reported aboard this station on October 21, 1945, for duty in the dermatology department and was head of the service from December of that year until July, 1946, when he was separated from the service.

## Is Color Photographer

Color photography has long been one of the doctor's hobbies, but to the layman his subjects would not appear to offer much diversion. The 300 slides in his collection picture a variety of skin diseases in various stages and have proved a valuable aid to the dermatologist in his teaching at the University of Iowa, here at Oak Knoll in his work with junior medical officers of the dermatology department, and as illustrative material for lectures he has given to Bay Area medical organizations.

The doctor spends his leisure time

## Navy Nurse Corps

Two new automobiles made their appearance on the compound this week—LT I. Brown is the proud owner of a Chevrolet coupe and LTJG E. Werner is hopping in and out of her "merry Oldsmobile."

The Rodeo and Livestock show at the Cow Palace in San Francisco had quite a representation from NOQ—LCDR's E. Allen, V. Bates, LT J. Bradley, LTJG's R. Hartley, M. Thompson, M. Kelly, I. Brown, T. Bradon, and F. Randall—all were in attendance.

Relaxation in peaceful surroundings is the theme for November week-end activities. It seems—LTJG R. Hartley found this to be true in Milbrae, Calif. LCDR S. Migdet, visited friends in San Mateo, Calif.

LEAVE: Three Nurses are taking intermission time from their daily activities here—ENS's M. Smith, B. Murray, and M. Faudree.

Welcome back from leave to—LTJG A. Parks from Arkansas, LTJG M. Bisenius from Iowa, and LT A. Hathway from Whittier, Calif.

LT P. Leckrone (sportswoman) tried her skill fishing streams near Modesto, Calif. She could see the cold blooded, aquatic animals but was unsuccessful in hooking one; nor did she return with a mendacious tale.

LT E. Gasper wishes to express her gratitude to all who were instrumental in her care while she was hospitalized on Ward 40A. "Bouquets to all of my friends whose frequent visits consumed the many idle hours." Birthday greeting and many happy returns of the day are in order for LCDR M. Wolfgang and ENS J. Johnson.

## Quiet Companion

Cincinnati, O. (SEA)—Even with Dotty Lamour on the screen, Walter Saul didn't enjoy the movie. Entering the theater with his wife and 5-year-old son, Saul sat down next to Aloysius Bollin, a stranger. In 15 minutes, Bollin put his head on Saul's shoulder. Saul noticed his neighbor wasn't breathing, took his pulse. There was none. If he said anything, Saul realized he might cause a panic. So he sat there during the entire double feature next to the corpse.

playing golf and tennis, and now, with the approach of winter weather, he is looking forward to comparing skiing in California with that in the Midwest.



CDR Cuttle is congratulated by the Commanding Officer following the presentation of a gold star in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal.

Bronze Star Medal  
Awarded CDR Cuttle  
In Recent Ceremony

To his already large number of combat awards, CDR T. D. Cuttle, medical officer in charge of Medical Section III, can now add another—this time a gold star in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal.

In formal ceremony at monthly personnel inspection last week the Commanding Officer read the citation from the Secretary of the Navy: "For meritorious service as Senior Medical Officer of Tank Landing Ships during initial landing operations on Treasury Islands, October 2, 1943."

That was four years ago, but the Navy did not forget those "46 consecutive hours under most difficult conditions" that Dr. Cuttle "worked tirelessly under fire directing and assisting in surgical and medical treatment of the 55 wounded brought aboard his vessel."

Nor was this the only time the Commander was in there pitching side by side with his men. With the Sixth Marine Division on Okinawa he hit the beach with the second echelon of invading leathernecks. His reward—a Purple Heart.

Behind his experiences of W.W. II Dr. Cuttle had eleven years of Navy-inspired, Navy-connected interests. It was "Ensign" Cuttle back in 1930 when he was classified for line "deck volunteer general duty" after completing the R.O.T.C. course taught by the then Commander Chester W. Nimitz—the Admiral's first class at the University of California.

Medical school, internship at Pennsylvania Hospital, and an Exchange Fellowship in Medicine at St. Bartholomew's, London, enriched the background of the young naval reservist. And his interest in the Navy never slackened, for in the American Embassy, London, the American doctor held up his right hand and became LTJG Cuttle, MC, USNR.

Back in this country he turned professor first, as Associate Physician in Pennsylvania Hospital and then Associate in Medicine at Jefferson Medical College. Between teaching assignments, however, he managed

## Red Cross Ramblings

Goofey Golf Party! Did you ever play golf while in bed? The patients on 43B did the other evening when the University of California hostess group had a Goofey Golf party. Each hostess carried a game that required a little skill such as dropping a clothes pin into a bottle at three feet. Enthusiasm ran high as several men got holes-in-one, and the party ended with refreshments and informal singing. The Cal girls come every week and are planning parties for other wards so you may see them on yours soon.

Football Bull Session! Mr. Jack Shaw, one of the outstanding sports radio commentators in the Bay Area who broadcasts many of the football games, came to the hospital recently under the sponsorship of Mr. William Case and the Bay Area Sportsmen's Club for a football bull session on 42B. There was a lively discussion and everyone enjoyed the colored films of last year's East-West and Army and Navy games. We plan to have him back soon for programs on other wards.

Christmas is Coming! Have you done all of your Christmas shopping? If not, plan to make attractive gifts at the Red Cross hobby shop, building 102, which is open daily, 1000 to 1600 and Wednesday nights, 1900 to 2100. Plastic, leather, wood block printing, and metal supplies are available as well as materials for making your own Christmas cards.

a tour of active duty aboard the DD Jacob Jones in 1940. Finally a telephone call Dec. 7, 1941, initiated a full Navy career.

"Report to the Naval Hospital here in Philadelphia tomorrow for duty in connection with recruiting."

Eventually he hit the South Pacific—hospitals in New Zealand and Okinawa and a tour of sea duty aboard the CV Bennington.

By 1946 the one-time recruiter had recruited himself and so dropped the "R" from his official signature. As a Regular, it has been first, Chief of Medicine at Treasure Island from February, 1946 to March, 1947—and since that time Oak Knoll.



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## • Movie Schedule •

Monday, 17 November

IT HAD TO BE YOU

Ginger Rogers—Cornel Wilde  
Pickled Puss

Tuesday, 18 November

MURDER MY SWEET

Dick Powell—Anne Shirley  
California or Bust

Wednesday, 19 November

THE FABULOUS TEXAN

Andy Divine—Katherine McDowall  
Cinderella Cagers

Thursday, 20 November

SWEET GENEVIEVE

Jean Porter—Jimmy Lydon  
Sing A Song of Six Pants

Friday, 21 November

DUST BE MY DESTINY

John Garfield—Priscilla Lane  
So You Want To Be A Salesman

Saturday, 22 November

THAT HAGEN GIRL

Shirley Temple—Ronald Reagan  
Soap Box Derby

Sunday, 23 November

ABIE'S IRISH ROSE

Michael Chekhov—Joanna Dru  
Funny Radio Show

## Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll welcomes the following officers and enlisted men: CAPT H. J. Chapman, MC, USN, from USNH, Philadelphia; LTJG R. W. Purvis, MCR, USNR, from USS Stentor; LTJG B. C. Garoutte, MCR, USNR, from USS Cimarron; LTJG O. P. Johann, MCR, USNR, from USNAS, Kodiak, Alaska; and E. H. Chapman, PHM3, from NNMC, Bethesda.

Only one officer and no enlisted personnel were transferred during the past week. LTJG J. S. Kaley, MCR, USNR left Oak Knoll for the Naval Medical Center, Guam.

Separated from the service during the week was LTJG Virginia Wilde, HW, USNR. She assumed the surname of Chisholm following her recent marriage.

## Sportin' Around

By Ships' Editorial Association

With the boost given us by an .821 average last week, we head into the home stretch of the football season, sporting a .750 season average—if such an average can be sported. At any rate, this year it's an above-average average.

Penn over Army in the East's big 'un. Boston College over Tennessee. Columbia over Holy Cross. North Carolina over Maryland in a surprisingly close one. Navy over Penn State. Purdue over Pitt. Yale over Princeton. Virginia over West Virginia.

Illinois over Ohio State. Minnesota over Iowa. Kansas over Oklahoma A & M. Upset of the week: Wisconsin over Michigan. Notre Dame over Northwestern. SMU over Arkansas. Baylor over Tulsa. Rice over Texas A&M. Texas over TCU. Georgia Tech over Alabama. Georgia over Auburn. LSU over Miss State. Vanderbilt over Miami. Wake Forest over N. C. State.

And Cal over Montana. Oregon State over Washington State. UCLA over Washington. Oregon over Stanford.

## Buy • Sell • Rent

FOR SALE—Gaffers & Satler table top enamel 4 burner gas stove, almost new. Will sell for \$90. Boy's bicycle, \$25. Phone Ext. 179 or Oak Leaf office.

FOR SALE—Leather golf bag in excellent condition. \$25. May be seen in doctor's office, 72B. Ped. CDR M. Kurzrok.

FOR SALE—Wilton rug, 9x12. Rose background, in good condition. \$50. Contact LT Shields, Ward 40B.

FOR SALE—Ford, 1936 V8 Coupe. Motor excellent condition. Best offer over \$400. Contact ENS Coats, Ward 66A.

LOST—Lady Buxton Wallet on or about 27 Oct. containing ID card, personal papers, and money. Finder return ID card and papers to LTJG C. Zubaitis, Oak Leaf Office.

FOR SALE—Baby Buggy, good condition. \$15. Call 223, Oak Leaf Office.

FOUND — Silver Bracelet. Owner contact Recreation office.

## GETS REGULAR NAVY RANK

Washington (AFPS)—For the second time in history, a Negro has received a regular commission in the U.S. Navy, the Navy Department announced here.

Application for a regular commission as Ensign, made by Charles Booker Teal, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, has been approved, the Navy reported.

## NOTICE!

Welfare and Recreation has announced that there will be a dance held in the station auditorium from 2000 to 2330 Thursday, 20 November.

Music will be furnished by the CBS Californians and the featured vocalist is Bob Callahan.

## Here and There

**Books! Books! Books!** The hospital's stock of detective stories is proving inadequate for Herman O. Glasscock, a patient on 41A. Since his admittance to the hospital he has avidly read nothing but "who-done-its" and the librarian is hard-pressed to keep up with his demand for more. Another patient on the same ward, Floyd Zeiger, has cushioned his stay in the hospital with western stories. His constant reading has almost depleted the library of its stock of his favorite yarns about the wide open spaces.

**Children's Christmas Party!** Word has been received from the Children's Christmas Committee concerning its plans for a gala party for the children of staff personnel. The date of the party will be announced in a later issue of the Oak Leaf. According to Chaplain Andrews, preparations are well underway to make this party one of the best ever.

**Who guesses Best!** C. A. Wolcott, HA1, of the Receiving Room may make up the dope sheets on football scores, but it's R. B. Jenkins, PHM3, who is the doubly lucky one in the prediction department. However, it was O. R. Jenkins, PHM3, of Civil Readjustment, who proved the clairvoyant last week.

**Want Packages Wrapped?** The continuing interest shown by the Officers Wives Club for the patients welfare manifests itself again with the announcement that members will wrap Christmas packages for patients from 1300-1600 daily, beginning 5 December. They will augment the staff of Gray Ladies in the Ship's Service Building.

**Staff Goes Legal Minded!** Staff goes legal minded; at least six do—LT Duane, LT Millard, LT Dowlen, CPHAR Gordon, PHAR Wells and Chief McGuire. Each Wednesday afternoon for six weeks these staff members will attend classes in Navy Law being conducted at Treasure Island by LT Curtis of District Staff

Headquarters for representatives from all Naval stations in the Bay Area.

**The Exec—A Medalist!** Did you see the lovely gold trophy on the Exec's desk the other day? By reading the inscription beneath the rhythmic golfer statuette the "peeping Tom" visitor discovered that Captain Gillett was the First Flight Medalist in the Jacksonville Naval Air Station golf tournament this year. Information will leak out, and 'tis understood that the Captain has a real "pro" swing when he drives that little round ball.

**Around 'n Around!** H. W. Felton, PHM3, discovered in the Pay Office making out a family allowance for Lena Marie who exchanged "I do's" with him on October 13 . . . R. L. Smith, PHM3, popularly known as the Pin Ball King, seen daily putting the tilt on the machines in Ship's Service . . . 'Tis reported from the Lab that E. E. Buckner, PHM3, has at last received that new suit in a special order for a 6'9" stiltwalker . . . also from Lab, news of H. O. Williamson, PHM1, really requesting sea duty . . . and Chief Hanson with his records in hand walked with a determined stride into Civil Readjustment the other day—but whether it's 2, 4, or 6 'tis not known.

**Community Chest Drive**  
Oak Knoll contributed a total of \$888.59 in the recent Community Chest drive. This is slightly less than last year's donation though at that time the hospital's complement was greater.

Staff nurses led the drive on the station with the generous total of \$278.35, representing 100 per cent participation.

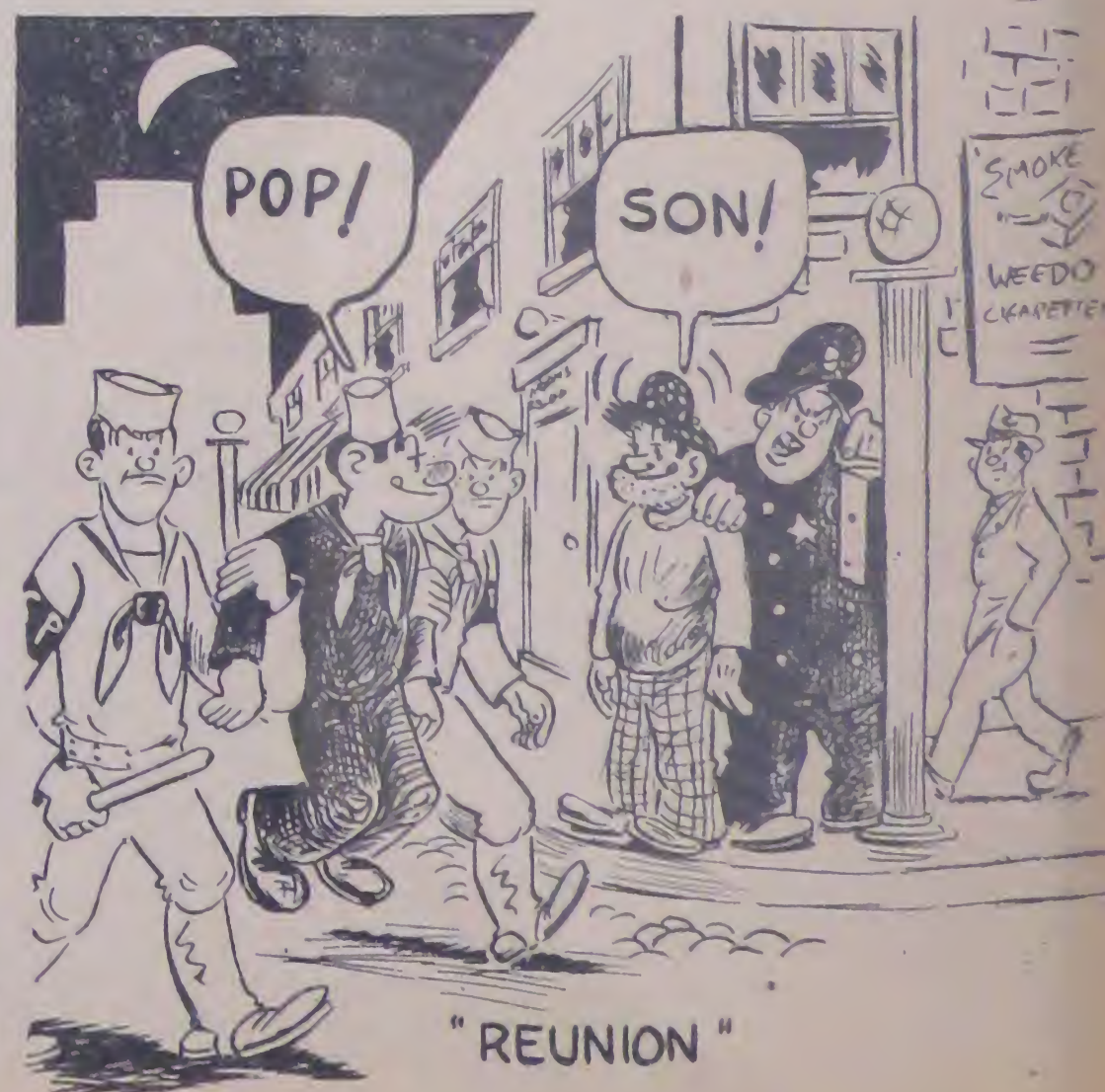
Customer: "I want to buy a plow."

Salesman: "We have no plows."

Customer: "This is a heck of a ships service."

## Moiphy

By PENBERTHY







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## Plans Discussed for Yule Program at Oak Knoll

Members of the Veterans Hospital Christmas Committee were entertained recently at the Officers Club by Captain C. A. Broadbuss and representatives of the staff acting as hosts.

By way of short informal after-dinner speeches, chairmen of the various sub-committees and representatives from the Veteran's hospitals at Livermore and Oakland reviewed the overall scope of this unusual civic project.

For more than 23 years this non-profit, non-sectarian organization is operated as a unit which coordinates Christmas activities in veterans' hospitals of this area. Acting as a representative of civic, fraternal, labor, service and veteran organizations and individuals this group plans and carries out a full-scale Yuletide program which includes decorations, entertainment and gifts.

This year there are about 1400 men and women patients who, according to the Committee's slogan, will have "Christmas at home" brought to them.

### Volunteer Workers

Coordinator for this hospital is Arthur L. Daniels, Inspector for the License Department, City of Oakland. Supporting him are R. C. Bitnerman, President of the Committee; H. Taylor, Chm. of Transportation; Mrs. May Lilienthal, Chm. of the Purchasing Dept.; Charles McLaury, Chm. of Decorations; and literally hundreds of local citizens, merchants, interior decorators, and laborers.

For their countless hours of work these men and women receive no pay—their reward, as they put it, are the happy expressions on the faces of the bed-ridden and the fellow way from home.

At the recent meeting 27 members of the committee were present, among them being Mr. and Mrs. J. Knowland, Mr. and Mrs. J. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dubinski, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Zoellner (first coordinator at Oak Knoll), Miss Mary Vallee, and Tribune reporters Bill Stokes and Harry Wilson.

From Livermore Hospital came D. Hurt, Exec.; W. Kipp and Miss I. Anderson. Guests from Oakland Regional were Col. C. C. Herrick, C. O. and Mrs. Mary Raines.

Members of the staff who assisted in entertaining were CAPT and Mrs. Millett, CAPT and Mrs. Abernethy, JDR and Mrs. Crawford, LT Millard, AT Dowlen, and Misses Marie Adams and Winifred Ely of the Red Cross.



The Commanding Officer discusses plans for the hospital's Christmas program with Arthur L. Daniels, Oak Knoll coordinator for the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee.—Oakland Tribune Photo.

## Wedded Civilians Work Together Here

When Mrs. Fred Rudolph recently joined the civilian staff, she and her husband became the tenth Oak Knoll couple to prove that harmony can exist both at work and at home. Barbara is employed in the Out-Patient Department and Fred at the Pathology Lab, but daily at 12 o'clock their paths converge outside Ship's Service, where they go through the sandwich line together.

Henry and Edna Bourdase have been coming to work together for the past five years—Henry to the Transportation Department, where he serves as head chauffeur, and Edna to her desk in the Administrative Assistant's office. Punching the clock together is still a novelty to Yvonne (OPD) and Everett (P and A) Sheldon, who met here, were married on October 31, and have been back at work for less than two weeks.

Other married couples who favor the "working together" plan are Ella (Civilian Personnel) and Melvin (Fire Department) Burr; Bernadette (Laundry) and Joseph (Public Works) Malerich; Zula (Laundry) and Henry (Medical Storeroom) Topritzhofer; Helen and Bill Williams, both of Property and Accounting; Willie and Q. P. Boykens, Anne and Daniel P. McCloud, Theresa and Homer White, all commissary employees.

## Gala Christmas Party Planned For Children

It will be a gay party for the station's kiddies this coming Yuletide season, according to Chaplain E. C. Andrews, chairman of the committee sponsoring a party for the youngsters of all staff personnel.

This week questionnaires have been sent to the fathers on the station, requesting the name, age, and sex of each child eleven years old or younger. Answers are to be returned to the Chaplain's office—or to his post office box in the officers' mailroom — by Monday, 24 November.

Staff personnel with children are urged to complete the questionnaires that are being distributed in order that successful arrangements for the party can be made.

Overall plans for this party include a big Christmas tree, a short program of fun and entertainment, a real Santa Claus who will pull from his bag a gift for every child present, and tasty refreshments.

The date and time of the party are yet to be determined, as well as the exact type of entertainment. And of course the hundreds of gifts will have to be wrapped. To carry out these details the Chaplain is asking for volunteers among wives of enlisted men to meet with him, Mrs. Broadbuss and Mrs. Gillett. All who are interested should notify the Chaplain's office—extension 184.

## Holiday Routine To Be Observed Thanksgiving Day

Oak Knoll civilian and military personnel will observe holiday routine on Thanksgiving Day, 27 November.

The Catholic Chaplain has announced that regular Mass will be held in the station Chapel. Protestant Church Services commemorating Thanksgiving Day will be held Sunday, 23 November.

In keeping with the day's observance, the Commissary department is prepared to serve the traditional entree of turkey which follows the Oyster Bisque with saltines, crisp celery sticks, ripe olives, and sweet mixed pickles. Together with the main dish, the diner will enjoy: corn bread dressing, giblet gravy, fresh cranberry sauce, snowflake potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, buttered fresh-frozen mixed vegetables, fresh tomato salad, and Thousand Island dressing.

The meal will come to a grand ending with: mince pie, fresh strawberry sundae, mixed nuts, fresh fruit, mixed candy, cigars and cigarettes.

Souvenir menus will be distributed to personnel during the meal.

## Marines Urged To Conserve Shoes

According to ALMAR 158-46 which is still in effect, Marine Corps personnel should make every effort to conserve their present supply of low cut shoes as shoe contractors are unable to make deliveries on contracts.

The directive also stated that field shoes should be worn at all times. The only exception being when men are on liberty or for special occasions.

Commanding Officers are enjoined to see that all shoes are kept in a state of repair.

## Standards Reduced For USN Applicants

The Navy Department recently announced a sharp reduction in physical standards required for enlistment in the Navy in an effort to meet the personnel requirements for the fleet and shore establishments.

Under the new standards, color blindness and missing teeth are no longer causes for rejection. The minimum visual standards have been reduced from 6/20 to 2/20. The maximum acceptable height of applicants has been increased from 76 to 78 inches.

Many men previously rejected for enlistment are now eligible.



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## National Book Week

Among the many national "Weeks" we observe throughout the year, one that offers enjoyment without effort on our part is National Book Week.

Curled in a chair with a good book in hand is to set sail for a land of enchantment—our ship wafted by the flowing waves of lyric prose.

Man's diverse interests and insatiable desires are in part responsible for the thousands of books on as many subjects. You and me—the reader—have the privilege of deciding how to accept these offerings. Bacon in his essay "Of Studies" said, "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." No matter if we taste, swallow, or digest bit by bit; if we were entertained, and as an aftermath, educated, ours was a meal filled with enjoyment.

Books supply a particular need to all. To the old, they extend the hand of companionship; shorten the long hours of the bed-ridden; provide castles for the dreamer; and to youth, offer restraining wisdom in its rush toward the promising horizons.

Here at Oak Knoll, we have a library that contains over 20,000 volumes; books on every conceivable subject, by authors ranging from William Shakespeare to Kathleen Winsor. This collection is being constantly augmented by the addition of recognized contributions to the realm of good literature—and this inestimable wealth is ours; requiring nothing from us but an outstretched hand. Many of us have allowed the radio or various games to interfere with our reading habit. It is for such as us that a National Book Week is required—to remind us of a pleasure so richly endowed and obtained so easily.

When next you go to Ship's Service, allow your feet to stray and lead you to the library. Go in and browse through the thoughts of the many who have lived with pen in hand. Soon you will come to agree with Carlyle when he, in a letter to R. Mitchell wrote, "Blessings upon Cadmus, the Phoenicians, or whoever it was that invented books."

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews  
 Sunday—  
 Divine Service.....1030  
 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
 The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
 Sunday Mass—0630, 0900  
 Daily Noon Mass.  
 Confessions before Mass.

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
 The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

### TODAY

No helpful word was ever spoken, no good deed was ever done "tomorrow." We cannot act in the future nor in the past . . . only in the living present.

Today holds character and destiny, life and death, in its hands. Opportunity says: "Act today." Do not say: "Some other time; I will take my chances because there is plenty of time." There is no way to tell what can safely be put off until tomorrow. Do your best now.

Submitted by

E. C. Andrews, Protestant Chaplain



William E. Doescher not only had arthritis-stiffened fingers; he also had a "green thumb." Proof of this statement may be seen in the picture above. The colorful results of the patient's work are on display outside Ward 65A.

## Patient-Gardener Commended By C.O.

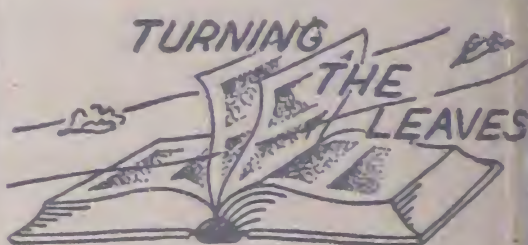
William E. Doescher, Ward 65-A, is today enjoying the results of his labor and the comments of those who have watched his condition improve as the result of worthwhile activity. Despite the fact that he has been crippled by arthritis for many months, he has transformed the grounds around the ward into an attractive garden where zinnias, stocks, and other fall flowers now form a colorful display against a neatly-mowed lawn.

The 58-year-old World War I artillery man, hospitalized here in August, 1946 for treatment of a severe case of rheumatoid arthritis, became interested in the landscaping project several months ago, when a fellow veteran, W. S. Truss, saw the possibility of beautifying ward surroundings. broke ground for the garden, prepared the soil for planting, and made plans for installing a sprinkling system and laying out a formal garden. Later, V. B. Erickson, CCS, joined in the enterprise. Both were discharged from the hospital before the garden was completed, and Mr. Doescher, with occasional help from other patients, has since then been responsible for its upkeep.

At first the patient, a former employee of the city of San Francisco, worked with difficulty, and because his knees were swollen and stiff, it was sometimes necessary for corpsmen to lift him to his feet after he had been digging in the soil. His hands were drawn by pain and stiffness. Today, he happily demonstrates the results of his treatment by opening and closing his hands, made pliant by physiotherapy and by the therapy of hard work.

For his outstanding achievement, Mr. Doescher will receive a commendation from the Commanding Officer at the next citation ceremony.

All musicians interested in playing in a dance band that is forming on the station, contact F. P. Sesselman, ARM2, at the Ship's Service radio repair shop or Ward 64B. Staff personnel preferred.



## LIONS UNDER THE THRONE

by Charles P. Curtis, Jr.

The title of Mr. Curtis' lively book is taken from Bacon's famous essay ON JUDICATURE: "Let no man weakly conceive that just laws and true policy have any antipathy; for they are like the spirits and sinews that one moves with the other. Let judges also remember that Solomon's throne was supported by lions on both sides. Let them be lions, but yet lions under the throne." The "lions" in this case are the United States Supreme Court judges. These men sit in judgment not only on our laws but also on great issues of public policy that are primarily political. Mr. Curtis endeavors to show that our main trouble is that we tend to isolate our Supreme Court, to set it off against the political branches of the government, to think of its task as that of watchdog or censor. Actually, Mr. Curtis points out, the Court is part of our political system and should be recognized as such. It has the power to nullify legislation, yet it wields the nullification or approval as if it were a judicial tribunal. Curtis' thesis that the Court is more political than judicial is, perhaps, incorrect, for he overlooks the many instances in which it passes on errors in ordinary court trials or in which it states the correct legal rule in ordinary common-law or administrative cases.

Too few laymen understand the workings of our great tribunal: this book was written to enlighten them and show how the power of the Supreme Court has widened during the years of its existence. Much of the book deals with the "New" Court, that is, the Court as it has existed since the judicial reform bill of 1925.

If any patient would care to read this book, the Librarian will be glad to reserve it for you if it is being read at the time you inquire.

He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals.—Franklin.



## Introducing

### Our Civilian Consultants . . .

Dr. Charles F. Steiss particularly likes reconstructive work involving the extremities, but according to his associates, he is equally at home with any problem that requires the attention of a plastic surgeon.

The most difficult reconstructive procedure, according to the consultant, is the formation of a new ear—a year-long process. A vitallium mold of the patient's "good ear" is filled with chips of cartilage, buried in the abdominal wall for six months or until a united framework for the ear has been formed. Cast and framework are removed, and the latter is inserted under the skin in the region of the ear. Later the neatly convoluted outer ear is raised to correct position and finished by addition of another flesh graft behind it.

Another procedure that has recently been of interest here is the grafting of skin from parent to child. This operation, especially valuable in burn cases, allows the patient's wound to heal under a protective covering.



DR. CHARLES F. STEISS

Once it has served its purpose, the graft flakes off, usually in three to six weeks. Although an identical twin can donate to or accept a graft from his twin, no other graft from one person to another has been permanently accomplished.

#### STUDIED WITH GILLIES

Dr. Steiss, a native San Franciscan, took his pre-med work at the University of Santa Clara and received his M.D. from St. Louis University in 1931. After interning at St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco, he practiced general surgery in the city for four years. In 1936 he received an appointment to study plastic surgery abroad. For six months he worked in London as assistant to Sir Harold Gillies, whose professional skill was largely responsible for reconstructive work among British wounded in World War I. The Bay Area doctor's training included a month's study at clinics in Vienna and two months work at the New York Polyclinic. During his year of special training, he had the opportunity to compare the techniques of the world's leading plastic surgeons and to develop his own methods in reconstructive surgery.

During the San Francisco doctor's four years in the Naval Reserve, he was assigned to four activities—12ND Medical Office; LION 1, where he served as plastic surgeon at Base 6 Hospital at Esprit Santo; the attack transport USS Feland APA 11, for which he served as medical officer during three trips to Leyte; and Oak Knoll. In March, 1945, he reported here for duty with Dr. Paul W. Greeley, head of the Navy's largest and

### Navy Nurse Corps

Newly affianced are ENS J. Linda-mood and Mr. H. Stone whose engagement was revealed a short time ago by the presence of a lovely diamond. The prospective benedict is in attendance at the University of Mexico, enrolled as a pre-law student.

Planning a November 23rd wedding to take place at St. Cyril's Church in Oakland are LTJG C. J. Whitt and LT A. P. Minwegan. Following the four o'clock rites the just-weds will spend their honeymoon at Del Monte and Palm Springs.

Recent visitors at the Casa Munras in Monterey, Calif. were: LCDR's M. B. Olds, M. Wolfgang, J. Dunbar, V. Kramer. From there they motored south to Carmel.

The traditional "Little Big Game"—St. Mary's vs. Santa Clara—was witnessed by LT M. Lepine, LTJG M. Finn, and M. Darling. Excitement was high with each rooting fervently for her favorite team—St. Mary's and player—Hermey Wedemeyer. Understand he had his hat off again!

Welcome to LTJG B. Filban who returned from leave, and to ENS C. Grappe, who is back on duty after being on the sick list.

Farewells were said to LT C. Smith, who made her departure with TAD orders for the Dispensary at Hawthorne, Nevada.

November is apparently not the month to plan picnics in California. This was discovered by a few residents of the nurse's quarters. But a quick adjustment of plans was made and a "jolly time was had by all."

department of plastic surgery. While the commander did reconstructive surgery, he also trained resident doctors in the department, among them Dr. James Crawford, present chief of plastic surgery, with whom he is now associated as a consultant.

#### PRACTICES IN SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. Steiss maintains offices at 450 Sutter Street, is attending plastic surgeon for the U.S. Veterans Hospital, Fort Miley, and serves as a member of the staff at St. Mary's hospital, San Francisco. He has been certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery and is a member of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Among his contributions to the medical journals is a recent article titled "Reconstruction of the Scalp Following Excision of a Malignancy" and another which describes total reconstruction of the nose.

The doctor's major non-professional interests are three: his wife, his nine-year-old daughter Rosemary, and golf.



Gertrude placidly looks on while H. S. Snook, CPHM, and C. R. McKay, PHM1, arrange the five pups for their first portrait.

### Puppy-Pediatricians Prove Proficient

Puppy-pediatrics as practiced by H. S. Snook, CPHM, and C. R. McKay, PHM1, of the transportation department, is responsible for the recent healthy addition to Oak Knoll's dog population.

Conscientious in their regard for their patients' welfare—despite the snarling and snapping of jaws—dog doctors have won the tail wagging approbation of Gertrude and her family.

Two weeks ago, finding Gert and her five young'uns hungry and cold, Chief Snook and McKay rescued them from the rear of the gas station and established them in a new home adjacent to the transportation department.

Commissioning an out out-patient department, the Chief and Mac combined their nursing talents and faithfully administered care and treatment to the pathetic pups.

Thriving on cod liver oil, q4h, their charges soon were scampering rascals, taking delight in chewing any accessible shoe or slipper.

As it must happen to all families the six members of this one also came to a parting of ways.

The five pups are now established in the hearts and homes of their individual admirers in the community.

While Gertrude—relieved of the necessity of caring for her off-spring—is carrying on a search for the missing father (that sly fellow) who packed his bag and shoved off prior to her confinement.

#### ADMIRAL CITES NEED

NEW YORK (AFPS)—"If we ever have to fight an offensive war at great distance, we must have a Navy to keep the sea lanes clear," Admiral William H. P. Blandy said upon arrival here after an inspection tour of Atlantic Navy bases.

Marine Corps personnel are reminded that there are many and varied correspondence courses available to them through the Marine Corps Institute. These courses are free of charge. Additional information concerning these courses may be had by contacting the Marine Detachment office, Ext. 299.

### Here and There

Belated congratulations to Elinor Essig and A. W. Fink, HA1 who exchanged marital vows in the station Chapel last week. The newly-weds have set up housekeeping in Elinor's home town—Alameda.

Another fellow that said "I Do"—but for a different purpose—is W. Davidson, CPHM who shipped over last week.

"Let me out of the doghouse," cried Chief Hillyer, as he offered a gift to Mrs. Hillyer on her recent birthday anniversary.

After covering some 10,000 miles without an accident on his recent reenlistment leave, Chief Del Favero returned to Oakland and immediately had his fender smashed in a freak accident.

The arrival of the recent heavy morning fogs coincided with Chaplain Andrews' acquisition of a new Chevrolet. The added expense of a special finish on the car plus its almost nonexistent mileage persuaded the Chaplain that perhaps a garage was the safest place for the car until after the weather cleared.

Many of the staff and patients reverted to their childhood days of buying grab-bags the other morning. Ship's Service was having a sale of laundry that had been uncalled for, for 3 months or longer. So sight unseen the men bought.

That little red convertible of Lou Moore's really gets around. On Armistice Day Lou and two other WAVES—Elsie Marshal and Betty Evers—picked up a bit of California history around Monterey and Carmel. This weekend the same group are exploring Santa Rosa and the nearby redwoods.

Marian Reihl, of the Civilian personnel office, who became Mrs. Eugene Ignatow last Sunday in Carmel will return to work after a honeymoon in Mexico.



# The Oak Leaf

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## Thanksgiving Day

The perfect epitome of what Thanksgiving should mean to us was succinctly set forth in a proclamation by the Governor of Connecticut, Wilbur L. Cross, in 1938.

In his proclamation of that year he wrote: "As the colors of autumn stream down the wind, scarlet in sumach and maple, spun gold in the birches, a splendor of smoldering fire in the oaks along the hill, and the last leaves flutter away, and dusk falls briefly about the worker bringing in from the field a late load of its fruit, and Arcturus is lost to sight and Orion swings upward that great sun upon his shoulder, we are stirred once more to ponder the Infinite Goodness that has set apart for us, in all this moving mystery of creation, a time of living and a home.

"In such a spirit I call upon the people to acknowledge heartily, in friendly gathering and house of prayer, the increase of the season now nearing its close: the harvest of earth, the yield of patient mind and faithful hand, that have kept us fed and clothed and have made for us a shelter even against the storm.

"It is right that we who have been forced by no man to stand and speak when to speak was to choose between death and life, should give thanks also for the further mercies we have enjoyed, beyond desert or any estimation, of Justice, Freedom, Loving-kindness, Peace-resolving, as we prize them, to let no occasion go without some prompting or some effort worthy in a way however humble or those proudest among man's ideals, which burn, though it may be like candles fitfully in our gusty world, with a light so clear we name its source divine."

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews

Sunday—

Divine Service.....1030

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Daily Noon Mass.

Confessions before Mass.

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

### TONIC FOR ALL ILLS

The following curious recipe for the present health of body and the eternal salvation of the soul is taken from a paper posted on the door of a Sicilian church:

Equal parts and as much as you can secure of the following ingredients:

The roots of faith,

The flowers of hope,

The roses of charity,

The lilies of purity,

The wormwood of contrition,

The violets of humility,

The agaric of contentment.

All these ingredients to be ground in the mortar of conscience,

Dissolved in the water of tears,

Mixed in the syrup of confession,

Steeped in the fire of tribulation, and

Made into a potion, of which a liberal portion should be taken internally morning, noon and night every day of your life.

B. T. Poznanski

Catholic Chaplain



Above are part of the many toys offered patrons in the recently opened Christmas toy department of the Ship's Service Store. Mr. Bob Bost, Ship's Service Store Manager, is seen in the background ordering more toys in anticipation of a last-minute rush.

## Red Cross Ramblings

Want To Be a Magician? In three easy lessons, you, too, can be the life of the party by learning card tricks and elementary magic from Mr. Taber of Berkeley, a World War I veteran, who is coming to this hospital Tuesday afternoons. He is going on the wards to visit patients who are interested in learning magic. If you would like to be able to do a disappearing act (with cards, that is) or do sleight-of-hand tricks, call the Red Cross recreation department today.

All You Texans! Mr. Ed. Cary of Hayward, an expert rodeo performer of rope spinning, came here and put on several acts on the wards to show how a real cowboy swings his lariat. He would like to teach any patients who are interested to do this. Bed patients, particularly those in traction, would find this a difficult activity, but if any ambulatory patients are interested please call Red Cross recreation.

College Musical Show! On Wednesday, the College of the Pacific sent an evening's entertainment of a quartette, comedy pianist, a choral group, and instrumentalists who put on shows in several wards. This is the first time they have visited this hospital, but the enthusiastic response of the patients showed the appreciation for such excellent entertainment. They are planning to come regularly, and those of you who are music lovers can look forward to some excellent programs.

Package Wrapping! Don't forget that there are facilities for wrapping gifts and packages in Room 213, Red Cross, Ship's Service Building. All materials are available and we will help you with the fuzzy bows.

### NOTICE

There will be a concert by the Weldonian Show Band in the station Auditorium Tuesday, 25 November. Because of the small stage only 30 of the Band's complement of 100 will appear. Torrid Boogie music will be featured.

## Ship's Service Opens Xmas Toy Department

For the first time in six years servicemen with children have a wide variety of toys to choose from. Toy manufacturers have out-done themselves in their attempt to make this Christmas a memorable one for the kiddies.

Not only has the customer a wide choice but he also is assured of getting toys of quality. Playthings in Ship's Service are outstanding workmanship and ingenuity.

This year the Ship's Service toy department is featuring electric trains with prices ranging from \$12.50 to \$54.90. Servicemen will find that these prices are as much as 40 per cent below the price level found in town. Depending on the model chosen, this means a saving of \$3 to \$40.

Ship's Service Store patrons will be amazed by the realistic performance of the trains. Completely equipped with track and transformers, most models have the wailing whistle of standard trains and some are also capable of emitting smoke from their funnels.

Among the many other items being sold in Ship's Service are: Dolls and fluffy animals, children's kitchenware sets, gaudy pirate doublebarrel cap pistols, furniture for doll houses, chemistry sets, erector sets, variety of blocks, childrens bicycles and scooters, material for making bead and shell jewelry, and countless other toys.

## Attention: Northwest Gobs

(SEA)—If you live in the state of Washington or Northwestern Idaho, here's some good news for you:

Any sailor whose home town is in that area may dedicate a song over the local radio station to his wife, sweetheart, sister or friend by merely mailing a postcard. On the card, put the name of the song desired, name and address of the person to whom the song is to be dedicated, your name and address, and the greeting. Mail the card to Navy, 1017 Second Avenue, Seattle 4, Wash.

This privilege may be used for birthday, anniversary, Merry Christmas or just plain regards.





# THE OAK LEAF



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Saturday, 29 November, 1947

## BuPers Promulgates Tentative Policy for USN WAVE's

Anticipation of the enactment of legislation during the next session of Congress to authorize the appointment and enlistment of women in the Regular Navy, tentative plans and policies relative to the enlistment of women in the Regular Navy was promulgated by BuPers in circular letter 220-47.

It is planned to establish a policy for the rotation of duty between the continental United States and between the continental United States and selected overseas bases. Women may express preference for duty but assignments, including overseas, will be based upon the needs of the service.

Provision of law relating to benefits or emoluments of male personnel of the Regular Navy will be made applicable to women personnel of the Regular Navy, except that husbands of women of the Regular Navy shall not be considered dependents unless they are in fact dependent on their wives for chief support. Women enlisted in the Regular Navy must have no children under 18 years of age regardless of legal custody.

Basic requirements for enlistment: V-10s Active, Inactive, and ex-10s in the Regular Navy are: AGE: 17-31, except that women over 31 years of age are eligible if subtracting number of years of active duty from present age brings their service age under 31. Waivers for overage may be referred to BuPers for consideration in cases of those especially well qualified. EDUCATION: 2 years high school or business school. EQT: Not required. PHYSICAL: As prescribed by Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. MARITAL STATUS: Single or married. DEPENDENTS: Except as noted above there are no restrictions for women enlisting under continuous service. Women enlisting under broken service must not have more than two dependents at time of enlistment as noted in paragraph 3.

Voluntary extensions of enlistments to remain on active duty until June 1948 will continue in effect.

## Elephant Needs 'Lift'

Pittsburgh (AFPS)—An elephant with chronic indigestion is one big tummy ache, according to employees of Highland Park Zoo.

Gloria, a three-ton pachyderm, is on the ailing list. To prevent development of hypostatic pneumonia, keepers have to turn her over frequently, they say, constitutes a problem in engineering, or something.



Newly commissioned Nurse Corps officers who recently reported for indoctrination are, left to right: ENS's I. Western, J. Furst, E. Klobukowski, LCDR B. Kolnoske, indoctrination instructor, ENS's N. Drysdale, E. Bliss, and M. Jones. A reception honoring the new class was given by the preceding class, and held in Bldg. No. 124.

## Progress Reported On Children's Party

According to Chaplain E. C. Andrews, plans are almost complete for the children's Christmas party.

All staff personnel with children are again urged to submit the questionnaire which was distributed last week. These forms are still available at the Chaplain's office for personnel who failed to receive theirs. The deadline for submitting them has been extended to Monday, 1 December.

Volunteers among wives of enlisted men are urgently needed to assist in the pre-party preparations. All who are interested should notify the Chaplain's office—extension 184.

## Xmas Package Wrapping Begins 8 December

A Christmas Wrapping Service will open Monday, 8 December just off the Ship's Service Lobby to the right of the front door, and will continue in operation each day Monday through Friday, 1000-1600.

Fancy wrappings including paper, ribbon, stickers, boxes, and mailing materials will be furnished by the Red Cross to all patients and staff members—enlisted and officer—who wish to use this service. Moreover, in order to help you get that special package—or packages—"done up" in the latest Holiday fashion, members of the Officers Wives Club will be present each day at the above designated hours. Mrs. A. C. Abernethy, leader of this group project, is, with this announcement, urging all officers wives who would like to participate in this pre-Christmas detail to notify her immediately.

## New Nurses Arrive For Indoctrination

Reporting from various sections of the United States for their indoctrination course last week were six newly commissioned Nurse Corps Officers.

The six who were commissioned as Ensigns are: E. Bliss, from Burlington, Iowa, and the University of Iowa School of Nursing; N. Drysdale, from Ogden, Utah, and the Holy Cross Hospital at Salt Lake City, Utah; J. Furst, from Superior, Wisconsin and the Bethesda Hospital of St. Paul, Minn.; M. Jones, from Berryville, Virginia, and the University of Virginia School of Nursing; E. Klobukowski, from Duryea, Penna. and the Pittston, Hospital of Pittston, Penna.; and I. Western from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the Milwaukee County General Hospital School of Nursing.

## Personnel Invited To San Francisco Party

From Emanuel Guild, San Francisco, comes an invitation for at least 30 men—patients and staff—to attend a party on Wednesday, 10 December from 7:30 p.m. A like invitation has been extended to patients and staff of Letterman General Hospital.

Party plans, according to Rabbi Stern, who issued the invitation, include a program of professional entertainers, a "hearty repast," and informal group fun. Some of the city's charming young girls will act as hostesses.

Transportation for this event will be furnished by Welfare and Recreation Department of this hospital. Those men desiring to attend the party are to call the Rec Office.

## Admiral Denfeld Named New CNO By President

(SEA)—Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, USN, is the new Chief of Naval Operations. He was named by the President to succeed Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN, who recently announced his plans to retire.

Graduate of the 1912 class of the Naval Academy and a native of Westboro, Mass., Admiral Denfeld was assigned destroyer service during World War I, qualifying in submarines three years after the end of the war. From 1937 to 1939, he was aide to Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, CNO at that time.

Next he was named chief of staff and aide to Commander Support Force, Atlantic Fleet, and became assistant chief of Bureau of Navigation in 1942, moving on to command BatDiv 9 in 1945 and later to Chief of Naval Personnel. He took over as CincPac and CincPacFlt earlier this year.

With his appointment will go a reversion back to four-star rank for CNO. Five-star CNO rank during peacetime was abolished by Congress.

Said Admiral Denfeld upon being informed of his appointment: "It's a great honor to relieve a man like Admiral Nimitz. He's one of the greatest men the Navy ever produced."

## Pay Increase Will Be Sought For Services

Washington (AFPS) — The Armed Services will ask Congress for substantial pay increases for all grades in all services, as soon as Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal approves drafts of proposed legislation, it was announced here.

The joint Army-Navy Pay Committee, formed last summer to study service pay, has concluded that pay increases are necessary in order to stimulate recruiting, and to hold men of high caliber after they are obtained.

"We must be able to compete with private industry for men of the highest caliber," a spokesman for the Committee said.

The amount of the increase recommended was not disclosed. The Committee spokesman said, however, it would be greater than last year's pay boost which ranged to 50 per cent for enlisted men, 20 per cent for junior officers, and 10 per cent for senior officers.



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LOST—Lady Buxton Wallet on or about 27 Oct. containing ID card, personal papers, and money. Finder return ID card and papers to LTJG C. Zubaitis, Oak Leaf Office.

FOR SALE—Baby Buggy, good condition. \$15. Call 223, Oak Leaf Office.

FOUND — Silver Bracelet. Owner contact Recreation office.

LOST—Blue Leather Key Case, 2 keys. Miniature license plate, No. 44J787. Reward offered. Call L. F. Junker, PHM3, Ext. 190.

FOR SALE—Maple breakfast set — extension table, four chairs, all in good condition. \$25. Call Ext. 223.

FOR SALE—Muskrat fur coat. One Red Fox Chubby. Contact Mr. Bost in Ship's Service Office.

FOR SALE—1941 Ford, two-door sedan. Many new parts recently added. Price is \$1100. For further information, call Ext. 223.

Sportin' Around

By Ships' Editorial Association

THE BALL GAME is over, Michigan won, 14-7. Illinois lost, though they fought hard. So why is this column being written about the Illinois-Michigan rivalry?

Because the game between Illinois and Michigan is never over. This intense rivalry is always going on. One year's game is merely the culmination of effort spent during the preceeding year.

This traditional rivalry dates back a long way. In those days the great Fielding (Hurry-Up) Yost was coach of the Wolverines. He had established his reputation by the time young Bob Zuppke came onto the coaching scene for Illinois. Michigan had beaten Illinois all five times the two squads had met, but in his first crack Zuppke defeated the highly favored Wolverines in 1919, 29-7. He repeated in 1920, but Yost came back in the next two contests.

Then in 1924, when Yost was athletic director of Michigan, he personally scouted Illinois to watch a new sensation — Red Grange — and map out a defense against him. Came game time, and Grange ran wild, scoring five touchdowns and passing for a sixth. The answer: Wily Zuppke had Grange run over tackle during previous games, throwing Yost onto the wrong track. When the Illini met the Wolverines, Grange did nothing but run the ends. It was a simple matter for his interference to turn in the Michigan defenders who were set for off-tackle thrusts.

Zuppke pulled another fast one, having Yost thrown out of the conference coaches association since he was no longer a coach. Yost told him: "Listen Zuppke, I'll be a coach again next fall, and what's more, I'm going to beat you."

Yost kept his word, coming to Illinois as Wolverine coach the next year and beating the favored Illini, 3-0, on Benny Friedman's field goal. Not only that, but Yost throttled the great Grange, holding him to a minus one yard for his afternoon of work.

Leveling off after the usual poor-season's start, our system passed the sonic barrier last week with an .878 percentage. Jauntily, then, we'll pick the top games of the coming week.

Boston C. over St. Mary's. Columbia over Syracuse. Princeton over Dartmouth. Yale over Harvard. Illinois over Northwestern. Kansas over Missouri in a close battle. LSU over Alabama in one of the top games of the day. North Carolina over Duke. Notre Dame over Tulane. Vanderbilt to take Maryland.

Roster Of Station Basketball Team

No.	Player	Pos.	Age	Ht.	Hometown
3	Quinlan, J. M.	G	20	6'1"	Kansas City, Mo.
5	Reneau, J. O.	C	19	6'3"	Bowling Green, Ky.
6	Duncan, W. J.	F	18	5'7 1/2"	Farmer City, Ill.
7	Miller, J. H.	F	19	5'11"	Harvard, Neb.
8	Turner, R. W.	G	19	5'10 1/2"	Jackson, Ohio
9	Cullinan, J. A.	G	19	5'8 1/2"	Chicago, Illinois
10	Yost, R. P.	F-C	19	6'1 1/2"	Lewistown, Montana
11	Jeannotte, V. P.	F	19	5'8"	Minot, N. D.
12	Sconyers, H. W.	G	19	5'11"	Stockton, Calif.
13	Sanders, H. G.	F	19	6'	Salinas, Calif.
14	Welch, B. K.	G	20	5'9"	Monroe, La.
15	Childs, S. E.	G	20	5'7"	W. Frankford, Ill.
16	Pinsak, A. P.	F	19	6'2"	E. Chicago, Ind.
17	Lunke, J. R. Jr.	G	19	6'1"	Bellevue, Wash.

Head Coach is LTJG L. V. Phillips, MCR, USNR. Assistant Coach and Business Manager is C. A. Alwood, CPHM. Equipment and assistant Equipment Manager are, respectively: J. E. Koch, HA1, and M. R. Lowry, PHM3.

Spare That Window Or Pay That Fine

Wahington (AFPS) — The next time a few buses whiz by without picking you up during rush hour, don't try what James Colein tried. Not unless, of course, you have \$17 you want to waste.

When five consecutive buses rolled

past his corner without stopping, Colein heaved a rock through the windshield of a sixth. The driver picked him up, but let him off at the next corner in the hands of a police officer. The judge made him pay for the window.

Welcome and Farewell

The turn-over of personnel during the past week was negligible. Three Chiefs reported for duty: M. S. Main, from N. A. D., Hawthorne, Nev., E. K. Noel, from Mare Island, and C. O. Carlsen, from the receiving station at Y.B.I., San Francisco.

Discharged from the Naval service during the week were: W. Kalakewich, HA1, J. H. Kent, HA1, and T. W. Mac Connell, PHM2.

Transferred to Treasure Island for further assignment was H. O. Williamson, PHM1, and D. D. Phillips, HA1, left for dental school at the NavTraCen, Great Lakes, Ill.

CAPT A. C. Abernethy, MC, USN, left for temporary duty to attend the Urologic Post-Graduate Convention of the Los Angeles Urological Society, at Los Angeles, Calif.

KNOLL CAGERS PLAY

The Knoll Cagers will play their first 12ND League game at 2000, 25 November against a team from the Pacific Fleet, San Francisco Group. The game will be played at the Naval Supply Depot.

Anyone desiring to accompany the team is urged to leave his name at the Recreation office. It is expected that transportation to the game will leave in front of Ship's Service at 1800.

• Movie Schedule •

Sunday, 23 November

THE EXILE

Doug Fairbanks, Jr.—Maria Montez  
Mr. Chimp, Aviator  
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Monday, 24 November

VACATION FROM MARRIAGE

Deborrah Kerr—Robert Donat  
Diamond Demon

Tuesday, 25 November

LOVE FROM A STRANGER

Silvia Sydney—John Hodiak  
Las Vegas Frontier Town (Color)

Wednesday, 26, November

THE INVISIBLE WALL

Don Castle—Virginia Christine  
Cat Trouble—  
Fisherman's Nightmare

Thursday, 27 November

SHUT MY BIG MOUTH

Joe E. Brown—Adele Mara  
Should Husbands Marry

Friday, 28 November

ESCAPE ME NEVER

Errol Flynn—Ida Lupino  
News

Saturday, 29 November

THE FABULOUS DORSEYS

Tommy & Jimmy Dorsey  
River Bibber







# THE OAK LEAF



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Saturday, 6 December, 1947



Gathered for an official picture is the Oak Knoll basketball team which is now in a tie for first place in the 12th Naval District League. Left to right in first row: K. Welch, J. A. Cullinan, W. J. Duncan, V. P. Jeannotte. Second row: R. W. S. E. Childs, H. W. Sconyers, J. H. Miller, M. R. Lowry, assistant equipment manager. Third row: CAPT C. A. Broadus, C. O.; J. E. Koch, Equipment Manager; J. O. Reneau, J. M. Quinlan, R. P. Yost, H. G. Sanders, Captain of the team; C. A. Alwood, Assistant Coach, and LTJG L. V. Phillips, Coach.

## Former Staff Members Visit Oak Knoll

It was "alumni week" for at least two former Oak Knoll staff members this week—Captain F. E. Porter, MC, USN, Ret., and Captain W. L. Livingston, MC, USNR.

Shortly after the outbreak of the war, Captain Porter was called from retirement to supervise the building of the Navy's new West Coast hospital, which on 1 July 1942 was commissioned as the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland—Captain F. E. Porter, MC, USN, Commanding. Now for the second time he is living the life of a retired Naval officer, in Berkeley.

The "White wards" of the neuro-surgical service were once dominated by the skill and magnetic personality of Captain Livingston. Though now on duties as Professor of Surgery at the University of Oregon Medical School, Portland, are heavy and demanding, he seized the opportunity to come to Oak Knoll and visit some of his former patients.

## U. of C. Professor Guest Speaker Here

Dr. S. P. Lucia, Professor of Medicine at University of California, was guest speaker at the weekly staff conference, Friday 28 November. His subject was "The Rh Factor."

In a well-developed, coordinated talk, illustrated with diagrams, Dr. Lucia emphasized that A, B and O factors formed anti-bodies in the blood of dissimilar individuals, and that the Rh factor was not to be considered alone. In giving blood transfusions, he added, medical men should be careful that all blood factors are compatible and that the O-type should not be given indiscriminately.

Dr. Lucia is particularly interested in hematology and is the author of a book, "Hemorrhagic Diseases," soon to come off the press. His professional background has been enriched by special study both in Italy and London, England, as a National Research Fellow in Medicine.

## Navy Sets Deadline For Overseas Mail

(SEA)—Early December dates have been set by the Navy as deadlines for the mailing of Christmas parcels and greeting cards sent prepaid airmail to Navy personnel in the Pacific Ocean Areas. Dates listed are the final dates on which mail may arrive at the Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

5 December is the deadline for all mail going to China, Japan, the Philippines, Okinawa, Wake, Truk,

or Peleliu. Guam, Saipan, Kwajalein and Samoa mail must arrive by 10 December. And 15 December is the deadline for mail to Hawaii, Midway and Johnston Island.

Postal regulations restrict the combined dimensions of packages to 100 inches, and the total weight to 70 pounds. Mail sent at domestic airmail rates to FPO, San Francisco, will be forwarded to the Pacific via NATS planes.

## Plans Completed For Tots' Holiday Party

Final arrangements have just been completed for the Children's Christmas Party. According to the Committee Chairman, Chaplain E. C. Andrews, the big event is scheduled for 24 December at 1430 in the Ship's Service auditorium.

For entertainment there will be two professional acts of fun and hilarity. A jolly old Saint Nick will appear in person with his pack full of gifts for all, and holiday party food will be served every youngster present.

All staff parents are advised that time for returning the recently distributed questionnaire on which is to be recorded the name, age and sex of every boy and girl twelve years of age or under has been extended to Monday 8 December. Already there has been a good response to the inquiries, but in order that no station son or daughter may inadvertently miss the party planned in their honor the date for submission of names has been extended.

## Comedy Featured In "Tip Top Revue"

The USO-Camp Show, "Tip Top Revue," will be presented in the station auditorium Tuesday, 9 December at 1900.

Preceding the evening's performance, the entertainers will visit various wards to give bed patients a preview of their show.

Sam Hearn, the emcee and comedian, is widely known for his comedy character, "Schlepperman," which he created on the Jack Benny radio show. In addition to appearing on radio shows, Mr. Hearn has entertained servicemen for many years. During the war he toured army camps with the entire Jack Benny unit and later did solo turns in the many camps and posts around the country.

The "Tip Top Revue" cast, in addition to Sam Hearn, includes: Kay Parsons, pianist and singer; Jim Penman, comedy juggler; the Ogden Trio, musical trio; Dixie, Daisy and Dimples, singing and instrumental act; Jai Dillard, pianist; Malo Trio, comedy dancing; and Ray Conlin, ventriloquist.

## PAY INCREASE

Pay increase proposals for the Armed Forces being considered by a joint board include recommendations for living-cost salary rises up to about 30 per cent. Recommendations probably will be sent to the coming regular session of Congress.

## Continue Education, Corpsmen Urged By BuMed

The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in circular letter 47-148 urges all Hospital Corpsmen to continue their education while on active duty.

The attention of all Hospital Corps personnel is invited to the opportunity afforded them by the recent passage of Public Law 337 (Army-Navy Medical Services Corps Act of 1947). Under this law enlisted Hospital Corpsmen who qualify may continue their advancement within the service with possible appointment to permanent commissioned officer status and subsequent promotion to and including the rank of captain. Every Hospital Corpsman at his earliest convenience should start preparing himself to partake of these benefits and opportunities, and should continue this preparation through a planned system of education and training.

At no time in the history of the Corps has greater possibility of a successful career existed. Individual initiative and ability will be rewarded by promotion as the years progress.

### Courses Available

Education material provided personnel during the war, is still available. In addition, many of the various courses of training have been recognized for accreditation by the educational departments of practically all states. In some instances, submission of an official statement of service, including the type of training, name of course, etc., will suffice; in other instances it is necessary for the candidate who feels that he has acquired the equivalent of a high school education to subject himself to examination by the so-called GED test battery for evaluation. If successful, he then receives his high school diploma.

Much of the high school and collegiate level may be obtained through the employment of USAFI extension courses.

In addition, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery is now in a position to authorize postgraduate courses in various schools and universities for furthering the education of Hospital Corpsmen in practically any subject which will be of value in the performance of their duties, provided such courses do not interfere with the performance of duty.

### HELP WANTED

The wife of a disabled veteran to run the popcorn machine in Ship's Service. Hours, 12 noon to 9 p.m., 6 days a week. Inquire at Ship's Service popcorn machine.



## Sportin' Around

By Ships' Editorial Association

**SPICE** for the nation's collegiate football pie is furnished by the traditional games which show more spirit than ability, more enthusiasm than greatness. Yet these contests draw the most interest of the fans, year in and year out, whether or not the two teams on the field are of championship calibre.

Back on 6 Nov. 1869, the first inter-collegiate grid contest was played between Rutgers and Princeton. That first game marked also the first upset in college football. Underdog Rutgers upset the mighty Tiger.

Columbia began her yearly tiff with Yale in 1872, and then in '74 and '78 added Princeton and Penn, respectively, to begin traditional encounters which have lasted to the present day. In 1875 Harvard and Yale began what has probably been the most outstanding duel down through the years.

The Quakers of Pennsylvania locked horns with Princeton in 1876 for the first time. Army-Navy games got their start in 1890—and thus began the most colorful series of all times. The Purdue-Indiana clashes began in 1891, the Michigan-Minnesota water jug battles began in 1892 and the Colgate-Syracuse clashes were inaugurated in 1891.

Picking the winners of these games is what wrecks averages of prognosticators. But forewarned, they say, is forearmed, so here go this week's selections:

Despite the most disastrous week in many a year last week we head into our selections with a .754 average. It could be worse.

Army-Navy first game off. Wow! Flip it, Joe. Heads—Navy. Boston College over Holy Cross. Rutgers over Brown. Penn over Cornell. West Va. over Pitt. Florida over Kansas State. Oregon State over Nebraska. Notre Dame over Southern Cal. Oklahoma over Oklahoma A&M. Arkansas over Tulsa.

Alabama over Miami. Georgia Tech over Georgia. LSU over Tulane. Ole Miss over Miss. State. North Carolina over Virginia. Maryland over N. Carolina State in a whopper. Vandy over Tennessee. Wake Forest over South Carolina. Rice over Baylor. SMU over TCU. Texas over Texas A&M.

### Sangie's In The News Again

(SEA)—Once before Sangie made the newspaper headlines. That was when she was retired from active duty with the Navy. The bell-bottomed headline-hunting hound is back again. This time she joined forces with the Navy, as a member of Denver's Organized Naval Reserve Unit.

During the war, Sangie was mascot of the USS Sangamon (CVE-26). When she joined the Reserve, she brought a complete health and service record with her, showing four years of sea duty, participation in 12 battles and award of the Purple Heart.

Now owned by a former crew member, Laudy E. Black, ex-S2, Sangie is not only a war veteran. She's also a war mother—bearing litters of 11 and 13 in 1943 and 1945 respectively.

## TYPE OF DRUNKS

**Hawthorne, N. J. (AFPS)**—There are 12 kinds of drunks, says Police Chief Ryan Vandervalk, who has spent many years studying inebriates at close range. His list follows:

1. The leaning drunk—wants to lean on something or somebody.
2. The singing drunk—harmless, but a nuisance around 3 a.m. when you want to sleep.
3. The crying drunk—any convenient shoulder will do.
4. The running drunk—half runs and half staggers along after the tavern is closed.
5. The fighting drunk—wants to fight anyone or everyone.
6. The wife-beating drunk—variation of type 5, who finds it easier (and more diplomatic) to sock the spouse.
7. The charitable drunk — gives away money or anything else he's got.
8. The religious drunk—heads for the nearest church where he promptly falls asleep.
9. The suspicious drunk—calls the FBI or the Police Department every 15 minutes.
10. The talking drunk—makes with the mouth like mad.
11. The important drunk — he knows everybody from President Truman to Shirley Temple.
12. The loving drunk—want to kiss every gal he meets.

## Buy • Sell • Rent

**FOR SALE**—Gaffers & Satler table top enamel 4 burner gas stove, almost new. Will sell for \$90. Boy's bicycle, \$25. Phone Ext. 179 or Oak Leaf office.

**LOST**—Lady Buxton Wallet on or about 27 Oct. containing ID card, personal papers, and money. Finder return ID card and papers to LTJG C. Zubaitis, Oak Leaf Office.

**FOR SALE**—Baby Buggy, good condition. \$15. Call 223, Oak Leaf Office.

**FOUND** — Silver Bracelet. Owner contact Recreation office.

**LOST**—Blue Leather Key Case, 2 keys. Miniature license plate, No. 44J787. Reward offered. Call L. F. Junker, PHM3, Ext. 190.

**FOR SALE**—Maple breakfast set — extension table, four chairs, all in good condition. \$25. Call Ext. 223.

**FOR SALE**—Muskrat fur coat. One Red Fox Chubby. Contact Mr. Bost in Ship's Service Office.

**FOR SALE**—1941 Ford, two-door sedan. Many new parts recently added. Price is \$1100. For further information, call Ext. 223.

**FOR SALE**—1941 Buick, 4-door sedan. Radio, heater, fog-lights. Open to offer. If interested contact Sgt. J. A. Summers, Ward 75-A.

**FOR SALE**—1940 Buick, Club Coupe. Excellent condition. If interested contact Chief Frost, Ext. 283.

**FOR SALE**—Girl's bicycle, almost new. 26 inch wheels, balloon tires. If interested call Ext. 223.



HENRY G. SANDERS, HAI

## Cagers Team Captain Is Avid "Hot-Rod" Fan

Oak Knoll's basketball team has a seasoned campaigner in its captain, Henry G. Sanders, HAI, of Central Supply. A member of the Knoll team that won 40 of their 47 games last year, he begins his second season as the starting five's right forward.

Born April 5, 1929, Sanders spent his boyhood in and about Salinas—the country made famous by Steinbeck in his novel, "Grapes of Wrath." Educated in the grade schools there, he also entered the Salinas High School where he was an active participant in that school's athletic program, playing basketball for four years, football for two, and as a member of the track squad for one season.

Following his graduation from high school, Henry enlisted in the Navy at San Francisco, went to San Diego for boot camp and hospital corps school, and was then assigned to Oak Knoll.

The hospital apprentice's main hobby is "hot-rod" racing. He has been tinkering with cars since the age of 12, and during his school days he and his uncle, Bill McKenzie, devoted their spare time to renovating a Model A Ford. Henry estimated that since they began with the purchase and installation of an "Eddie Meyers Special" motor they have invested \$3000 in the car and almost as many hours.

The finished product has partially repaid them for the time and money devoted to it by accumulating 27 cups, which represent the car's ability to place among the first three in races held on various tracks.

The car has won 14 races and holds the unofficial speed record of 130 m.p.h. for the Salinas track. Sanders and his car have also sped along the Watsonville beach and have travelled to Sacramento to compete in races there.

After he is discharged from the Navy in February, 1948 (two days after the last scheduled basketball game), he plans to join his mother and sister in Salinas for a short stay and then enter the University of California.

### LATE SPORTS FLASH!

The Oak Knoll cagers defeated the PacResFlt, San Francisco Group, team 45-30 in the first 12th Naval District basketball game. J. M. Quinlan was high scorer for the Knollites.

## Knoll Cagers In Win Over St. Mary's Team

Traveling to Moraga Friday, 21 November, Oak Knoll's basketball team met and defeated an aroused freshman team at St. Mary's College 31 to 30.

The close contest found the Knollites behind at the half-way mark by the score of 17 to 19. Resuming play the Knoll cagers tightened their defense and shoved their offense into whistle gear to nose out the fast-breaking Moragans at the finish.

The evening's high scorer for Oak Knoll was Bob Yost, who led the team's offensive play with a total of 12 points.

### Live Up To Reports

In defeating St. Mary's freshman team, the Knoll cagers lived up to the glowing reports heard about the team soon after it was formed. All hands who consider themselves basketball fans are urged to accompany the team next week when they play PacResFlt, 2 December, at the Naval Supply Center; U. of Santa Clara, 3 December, at Santa Clara; and St. Mary's, 5 December, at the Naval Supply Center.

Fans are requested to submit their names to the Recreation office in order that sufficient transportation may be arranged for in advance.

### More Players Wanted

The team's coach, Dr. Phillips, anticipating transfers and discharges which may occur to weaken the team, has announced that men with playing experience will be welcome to turn out for the team. Anyone interested is urged to contact Chief Alwood of the Athletic department.

## Plans New Cancer Center

**New York (AFPS)**—Plans to make the United States Naval Hospital in Queens the eastern seaboard service center for treatment of cancer, have been announced by Headquarters, Third Naval District.

Plans include installation of one of the few 50,000,000-volt betatron units in the country for cancer treatment.

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## Introducing

### Our Civilian Consultants . . .

Dr. Nathan Norcross, neurosurgeon, brings to Oak Knoll the knowledge and skill he has acquired through years of specialized study under leading doctors in his field in this country and abroad.

The Oakland surgeon, well known throughout the Bay Area, began his life in Hudson, Massachusetts. He began his extensive education at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in nearby Cambridge and completed his work for the Bachelor of Science degree at Harvard. In 1932 he was granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the Boston University Medical School.

#### Studied Abroad

During the ensuing years, while he was studying all phases of medicine and surgery involving the nervous system, his work took him to medical centers in three foreign countries. In Madrid he spent eight months at the National Cancer Institute, studying under the internationally known neuro-pathologist, Rio - Horteaga, at the National Hospital,



DR. NATHAN NORCROSS

Queen's Square, London, he served as medical clerk, and in that capacity was privileged to work with Gordon Holmes, whose reputation as a neurologist is well known in the medical world.

Returning to this continent, Dr. Norcross was appointed a fellow in neurology and neurological surgery at the Montreal Neurological Institute, where he was associated with Wilder Penfield. During his two years there he also studied at McGill University and in 1936 added another degree to his collection—Master of Science in Neurology.

#### Resident and Instructor

During the next three years, from 1936 to 1939, he was a resident neurosurgeon at the University of Pennsylvania and served as instructor at the University Medical School and the Graduate School of Medicine.

1939 marked Dr. Norcross' introduction to the Bay Area. He came to San Francisco to enter private practice as assistant to Dr. Howard Naffziger and to serve as instructor in surgery at the University of California Medical School. But his work as a civilian was of short duration.

In October 1940 he left his practice to join the Naval Reserve Medical Corps, where for five years he served at four U. S. Naval Hospitals—putting his techniques in neurosurgery to good use at Philadelphia, Mare Island, Alca Heights, and Great Lakes. At Alca and Great Lakes, he was Chief of the Neurosurgical Service and held the rank of commander.

#### Numerous Affiliations

Since his separation from the Navy

### Navy Nurse Corps

Announced this week—at the beginning of the holiday season—is the marriage of LTJG B. Filban and LTJG T. N. Mullis, MCR, USNR. Vows were exchanged in San Francisco, 29 November. Congratulations and best wishes are extended these two.

Recently-weds who made their departure from the NNC this week were: ENS. V. Cox, as Mrs. McCann; ENS. F. Blazek, as Mrs. Midkiff; and LTJG F. Randall, as Mrs. Fanska. Farewell was also said to LT. F. Reallini.

The NNC was well represented at the St. Mary's vs. University of San Francisco football game by the presence of LT's. R. Todd, M. Lepine, R. Goodall, and LTJG's. M. Finn, M. Bisenius, I. Kiehl, and J. Jakubiec. We wonder if player Wedemeyer realizes just how many enthusiastic followers he has among the NNC!

The effect of the recent demotions in rank was expressed by a party in the nurses quarters last week. Just what is there that one can't celebrate?

A very happy birthday and many more to LCDR C. Richardson.

Among those in attendance at the East Bay Public Health Series of lectures on "Mental Hygiene" were LT. M. Errington and LTJG M. Finn. Comments on the discourses presented by leading doctors in the Bay Area were "interesting and instructive."

In December 1945, Dr. Norcross has been in private practice in Oakland. In addition to keeping his appointments at his office, 354 Hobart Street, and at this hospital, where he is a regular Wednesday visitor on the 50-wards, he serves as Senior Consultant in Neurosurgery for the Veterans Hospital in downtown Oakland and as consultant at the Alameda Hospital. He is a member of the staffs of Highland and Alta Bates Hospitals, is on the associate staffs of Providence, Permanente, Children's Hospital of the East Bay, and on the courtesy staffs at East Oakland, Merritt, and Herrick. He is a Fellow of the American Board of Neurological Surgery, a member of the San Francisco and Philadelphia Neurological Societies, and is active in county medical organizations.

Since his work is time and energy-consuming, the neurosurgeon has a hobby that does not require an excessive amount of either. It is tropical fish—200 at the last count.

The consultant makes his home in the Piedmont hills with his wife and daughters, Victoria, age four and a half, and Jane, who is almost two.



Deeply concerned over their patients' welfare are, left to right: J. H. Blackmon, HA1; R. G. Hinton, HA1; and T. E. Cecil, PHM1. The inset in the upper right hand corner is the X-ray of Penny's right rear femur. The picture was taken by Cecil of the X-ray department. This is Penny's second cast since her injury which was reported in last week's edition of the Oak Leaf.

### Americans On The Go

(AFPS)—Few periods in American history match the war years in the matter of people moving about.

In the seven years since 1940, the Census Bureau reports, approximately one-fifth of the total civilian population moved out of their counties, while another 44 million moved to different homes within the same county.

Non-whites, according to the Census Bureau, proved the most migratory. They preferred long distances to moves within the same state.

### Welcome and Farewell

Reporting for duty during the past week were: LTJG J. B. Hammond, MCR, USNR, from Com 12, LTJG A. E. Thielen, MCR, USNR, from NAS, Alameda, CPHAR F. W. Branson, from the 1st MarBrig(Prov), and CPHM E. H. Brown, from Com 12.

Two members of the staff were transferred to other stations: LCDR J. B. Batko, MC, USN, to MarCorps Depot of Supplies, Barstow, Calif., and T. J. Dinwiddie, CPHM, to Rec-Sta., Treasure Island.

Capt. K. H. Vinnege left with TAD orders to attend studies at the Tumor Clinics Memorial Hospital and Cook County Hospital, New York.

Discharged from the Naval service during the week were: E. P. Arntson, PHM3, G. W. Degnan, HA1, E. E. Keeler, PHM3, S. H. Cohen, HA1, J. W. Clevenger, PHM3, P. A. Jentzsch, PHM3, O. C. Kruse, HA2, B. V. Selander, HA1, G. F. Williams, HA1, J. R. LaFond, PHM3, R. A. Young, HA2, C. G. Bole, HA1, R. R. Haines, HA1, J. M. Dodge, HA1, P. A. Masar, PHM3, J. P. McLoughlin, HA1, and R. E. Winslow, PHM3.

#### A REMINDER!

Mrs. Helen Seed, experienced beautician, has "reported for duty" at the Station Beauty Parlor topside the Ship's Service Building. By phoning Trinidad 2-6620 station personnel may make appointments Monday through Friday from 0930.

### Here and There

Heard singing last week and coming in on the chorus with an "I do" was Joe Gurule, PHM1, of Physio. The song begins with, "For I'll Ship Over."

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Chief Del Favero of the Record office doesn't want to win the "Miss Hush Contest" until a house is added to the list of prizes. Please make a note of this, Ralph Edwards!

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Two weddings of interest to Oak Knoll personnel will occur this weekend. Dolores Coyle of the civilian personnel office will become Mrs. Paul Worthington today at St. Benedict's Church in Oakland, while Gerry Ratti will become the bride of John T. Nerton, a Pleasanton police officer, in St. Augustine's Church, Pleasanton, Calif., tomorrow.

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People leaving the Administration building via the west-end door are warned not to mistake for a cat the animal that was last seen disappearing into the geraniums outside Capt. Shupp's window. It had a luxuriant growth of black fur marked by three white stripes down its back.

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Patients and staff are again reminded of the Emanuel Guild party being held on Wednesday, 10 December. Those of you who desire to attend may leave your names at the Recreation office. Transportation will be provided.

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Chief McGinnis has officially announced January 5 as the date of the commissioning of his new home. A housewarming will take place soon thereafter. All hands who have not received invitations are urged to drop into the record office and see the Chief.

Sailor: "I've called to ask your consent to marry your daughter, sir."

Father: "Have you seen her mother?"

Sailor: "Yeah—but that is all right. We'll be living out of town."



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## "Blow, Thou Winter Wind"

With the appearance of two-blanket weather—notably in the Eastern and Mid-Western states—there has been a decided drop in the number of banal jokes concerning "California sunshine" that we radio listeners are forced to endure during the summer months.

Thus, at this time of the year, Californians can wryly smile over the stale jokes of radio comedians and with forgiveness make room for the annual migration that takes place—to the land of slacks and sport shirts—of those who have the opportunity (and the money) to visit with us and escape the wintry winds of the cold coast.

Yes, this is the season of each year when California comes into its own. Its people are not confronted with the added expense that cold weather is a harbinger of. And yet, for those among us who prefer sleet, snow and ice, but of necessity must remain here, the pleasure of winter sports is ours for the driving.

In Southern California, people live so near the snow areas that it is a simple matter for them to spend a day in the snow and return to their homes the same night; while we in the Bay Area have the Sierra Nevada range and its snow slopes a few motoring hours away.

So when icicles hang by the wall in the East and the folks scurry from the heat of one house to that of the next, we on the sun's warm ledge can lazily stretch and properly sympathize.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—E. C. Andrews

Sunday—

Divine Service.....1030

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month

The Chaplain's office is located on the Sec-

ond Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski

Sunday Mass—0630, 0900

Daily Noon Mass.

Confessions before Mass.

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

### HUMAN ELEPHANTS

There are no words more abused than "forgive our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us." With piously folded hands and reverently closed eyes these words are daily sent up to heaven by thousands of people who do not reason at all what they are saying.

"Oh yes, I forgive but I won't forget," which is another prevarication. One cannot really forgive a grievous injury or insult without making a serious effort to forget. Often it is difficult—humanly speaking, impossible—to forget. We can only succeed in this if we depend on our mental faculties, our reasoning power and the grace of God. We must elevate ourselves above our animal inclinations, otherwise we become like the elephant, which will never forget a mean trick done to it.

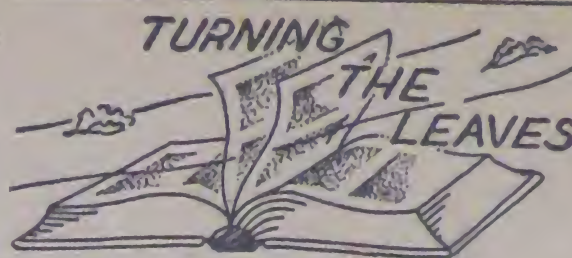
Our Lord would not be the great Hero of the Cross today, His agony would have lost some of its touching appeal, had He, while dying on Golgotha, suddenly commanded the earth to burst open and hurl His scoffers, tormentors and murderers into the depths of hell. He could have easily done this, and there never would have lived the man to question the right.

But, no! He kept on suffering patiently till the end came. He kept on suffering patiently for our sins. Why can we not forgive and forget injuries done us, when we are not innocent and often have offended others, especially God?

Submitted by

B. T. Poznanski,

Catholic Chaplain.



BLOOD MONEY, by Francis R. Belamy.

An account of the United States treasury department's foreign funds control division and its work as a counter-espionage service during the World War.

VESPERS IN VIENNA, by Bruce Marshall.

A quiet, beautifully written novel of a British Colonel billeted with a group of officers in a Vienna convent. Readers will enjoy the Colonel's conversations with the wise Reverend Mother Auxila on the state of the world.

THE STORY OF MRS MURPHY, by Natalie A. Scott.

A powerful, detailed story of an alcoholic's downward path and final disintegration. Jimmy Murphy, the man "married to booze," is a likeable, amiable person when sober, but his craving for alcohol alienates his friends, his girl, and even his family.

CASE OF THE FAN-DANCER'S HORSE, by Erle Stanley Gardner.

A brand-new Perry Mason story for his numerous fans.

DON'T EVER LOVE ME, by Octavus Roy Cohen.

A good who-dunit, fast-paced, and with a surprise ending.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT, by Charles A. Robinson.

A new biography of Alexander the Great of Macedon, one of the greatest warriors and best organizers the world has ever known.

BEST SPORTS STORIES OF 1947

The third in an annual series of anthologies edited by Marsh & Ehre; stories mostly about baseball and football, but includes racing, boxing, hunting, fishing, golf, tennis, and skiing.

ORIGIN OF THINGS, by Julius E. Lips.

A noted exiled German anthropologist tells of the dawn of history and the beginnings of man-made articles. Told in entertaining manner; of interest to everyone.

RAW NORTH, by Charles E. Gillham.

After seven years spent in Alaska and North Canada the author has an interesting story to tell, filled with amusing anecdotes and even a few tall tales.

TRAIL FROM NEEDLE ROCK, by Peter Field.

Hosses and guns.

BARBER OF TUBAC, by Nelson C. Nye.

Guns and hosses.

THE JAPANESE AT LEYTE GULF, by James A. Field.

A technical, accurate account of the suicide of the Japanese fleet at the last major sea engagement.

### NOTICE

Patients and staff wishing to attend Jewish services on Friday evenings are requested to submit their names to the Chaplain's office prior to 1500 on Fridays. Transportation will be provided and will leave from in front of the Security office at 1900.

## Red Cross Ramblings

Everyone interested in ping pong will be glad to know that all the old tables on wards are being replaced by brand new ones by the American Red Cross. Eight wards received new ones this week. The others will be here this month, we hope!

Attention all ambulatory patients! In the ARC Lounge each Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, a pretty little redhead from Arthur Murray's Studios, teaches dancing to patients from the hospital. She is really good and the class is fun. It's free. Just drop in and join the gang.

Piano Lessons. If you hear some queer noises coming from ward 41B, don't be worried. It's Seaman Herb B. Longaker and Corporal W. C. Rodgers practicing their piano lessons. Mrs. Granicer, ARC Gray Lady, instructs these patients each Tuesday afternoon. (We'll be expecting a concert soon.) Would you like to be able to play the classics—or chop sticks, anyway? We have Gray Lady piano teachers.

Veteran Hurbace, on 70B, has a real hobby. He is building a model of "Old Ironsides." He has worked on the ship almost two months. It will be completed this week and it's a real masterpiece. Hurbace made several small model ships before starting this elaborate one. He says he has another year to go in the hospital. When "Old Ironsides" is finished he has another job lined up. A professor in San Francisco has an old model of a Spanish warship which needs repairing. Hurbace is to do this, and then he expects to copy the model for himself. Time doesn't hang heavy on his hands! His model will be on exhibit in the craft shop when completed. Stop in and see it or visit 70B. It's worth the walk up the hill.

Thanksgiving evening 41A was entertained by Mrs. England's group of artists from Oakland. There were dancers, singers, accordion players, etc. "Pop Doeler" got so excited over the hula dancer he practically jumped out of bed. It was hard to tell who put on the best show—Mr. Doeler or the actors. It's now "Wolf" Doeler to his wardmates.

What a happy little fellow James Harrel, Jr., age 2, will be on Christmas morning when he finds a Plato rocking horse with saddle complete under the Christmas tree. His father, Chief James Harrel, Sr., ward 55, has been working against time to complete his gift before going to surgery this week. The rocking horse, on display in the Red Cross Hobby Shop, is a splendid example of what one can do with scraps of this and that plus some of that enforced hospital leisure, plus a little work and a lot of love for a little fair-haired toddler to furnish the inspiration.

Special Notice. The Dark Room will be open to the staff only on Friday evenings, 7-9, beginning December 5.

The Christmas Package Wrapping Room will be open Monday, December 8. This service will be available Monday through Friday, from 1000 to 1600, until Christmas. Location: Small room off Ship's Service Lobby.

It's easy to pick out the best people. They'll help you do it.





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## See Snag In Refund On VA Insurance

Washington (AFPS) — Reports that policyholders might receive an average \$100 refund of their VA insurance premiums may have been premature, according to recent reports.

The refund was first proposed several weeks ago because the VA had built up a \$2 billion surplus through what was said to be unavoidable overcharges on premiums.

However, it is pointed out now in some quarters, most of the surplus accumulated not through excessive premium charges but from Government payments of 3 1-2 per cent interest for use of VA's vast insurance fund, and it is on this basis that a Congressional Committee has criticized the refund plan.

Despite the Committee's findings, however, sponsors of the refund, including several veterans' groups, say it appears not unlikely that some debate will be made even though it will take two to four thousand extra government workers about two years to figure it out before payments can be made.

## Uncle Sam Says



United States Savings Bonds have made last minute Christmas shopping worries a thing of the past for wise Americans. In fact even though you thought about what to give members of your family or close friends for a month of Sundays you could not come up with a better idea than Savings Bonds. Think of Savings Bonds in terms of what they will do for the recipient. For example, bonds provide immediate funds in the event of an emergency and help to pay for education, travel, a new home or a dozen and one other things which members of your family dream about. Your gift of a bond makes you a partner in the realization of the fondest hope of someone you love. What more could you ask of a Christmas gift?

U. S. Treasury Department

## New York-Ohio, Vote Bonus For Veterans

On 4 November, New York and Ohio enacted legislation to provide bonuses for residents of those states who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II.

New York provided for a bonus of from \$50 to \$250, according to the type and length of service performed by the veteran.

To receive the bonus, veterans must have established residence in New York at least six months prior to entry into the service and in addition, must be residents of New York at the time they apply for the bonus.

This bill was amended to provide for payment to men still in the service who served on active duty from December 7, 1941, to September 2, 1945, inclusive.

Ohio provides payment of \$10 per month for domestic service and \$15 per month for duty overseas. Total not to exceed a maximum of \$400.

The veteran of Ohio must have been a resident for at least one year preceding his entry into the service and must have been on active duty for at least 90 days between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945.

For additional information it is suggested that residents or former residents who are affected by the above legislation contact their respective states.

## Free Spending Jockey Rode Too Many Rails

(AFPS)—This is not a recounting of the evils of drink, or a lecture on temperance. It is just a simple biographical sketch—the story of a small man who was a big man, and who never turned down a drink.

The man was Buddy Ensor, who weighed 108 pounds and wore girls' size 4½ shoes. Buddy Ensor loved to do three things. He loved to ride horses, to spend money, and to drink. And he did them all to the limit.

He was a jockey, one of the best, and he made close to a million bucks on the ponies. He was a spender, one of the quickest, and he once ran through 200,000 dollars in six months. He was a drinker, one of the worst, and he never refused a shot.

When Buddy Ensor died he died without a dime. They found him next to a tombstone in a strange cemetery and took him to Saratoga for a cheap burial. In Saratoga, one of racing's greatest centers, he once owned a \$50,000 home. That was many, many drinks ago. As Buddy himself once said:

"Anyone who offers you a drink is your worst enemy."

## Good Conduct Medals Presented 63 Staff WAVES And Corpsmen

Sixty-one staff members of Oak Knoll—fifty-four hospital corpsmen, and seven WAVES—were presented Good Conduct Medals or Stars in lieu of a second award during the past week.

Seven weeks ago a complete list of personnel, who at that time qualified

### WASHINGTON HI LITES

(AFPS)—Servicemen and their families can expect another increase in admission prices for their post movies. Prices are expected to be hiked from 20 cents to 24 cents for adults and 18 cents instead of 15 cents for children. Reason for the increase is the decision of Congress to revoke the tax exemption heretofore granted all Army and Navy theatres. The 20 per cent admission tax becomes effective January 1.

Repeated requests for clarification of the new income tax laws as applies to servicemen are still being received by this column. Simply stated, the set-up is as follows: Full exemption of enlisted and warrant pay continues until Dec. 31, 1948. Exemption of the first \$1,500 of commissioned officer and commissioned warrant officer pay also continues until Dec. 31, 1948. All pay received on and after Jan. 1, 1949, will be subject to federal tax which will be withheld from each month's pay. This "withholding tax" scheme is similar to the present civilian tax-paying method.

As part of the peacetime rank adjustment program, the Navy is reverting nearly 500 captains to the rank of commander. About 130 captains will be demoted immediately, the remainder scheduled to be reduced Jan. 1. The war-revived rank of commodore is once again relegated to the mothballs, with 18 of the 21 Regular Navy commodores giving up their appointments. Three, on foreign and fleet duty, will keep their flag rank until they are re-assigned. Reserve commodores are not yet affected.

### Painless "Shots"

(AFPS)—Service men who experience that queasy feeling when the technician in the dispensary starts toward them with the hypodermic needle, to bring their "shot" records up to date, probably will welcome this bit of news.

The University of Tennessee College of Medicine has developed a "hypospray" which forces a fine jet spray through the skin tissues, and is said to be virtually painless. There has been no indication as to when the new "hypo" will be adopted by the Navy.

for this award was forwarded to the Bureau of Naval Personnel in accordance with BuPers Circular Letter 66-47. To date medals for the following men and women have been received:

CPHM's C. A. Alwood, J. F. Anderson, W. D. Austin, E. "B". Blacketer, A. Bosch, L. H. Bowser, C. E. Boyd, P. L. Carpenter, C. A. Clark, Jr., L. W. Crooks, W. Davidson, A. S. Dockman, M. E. Dodson, L. T. Edwards, F. R. Frost, A. C. Hanson, E. F. Harper, L. J. Henney, P. E. Keaton, P. A. Layton, A. R. Leigh, J. H. Luther, V. W. Molinoski, H. V. Petersen, V. S. Proulx, E. M. Richtmeyer, A. A. Schnell, C. A. Schultz, H. J. Skov, G. E. Smith, H. A. Vaillant, R. E. Bobb, R. M. Oswald, G. G. Sendeen, and J. M. Small.

PHM1's H. C. Ballard, T. E. Cecil, K. S. Clayton, C. K. Davidson, E. E. King, D. A. Lamana, D. W. Rae, R. P. Van Almen, and A. E. Vitt.

PHM2's M. G. Blackmon, D. H. Ellis, G. M. Fischer, D. R. Fisher, G. H. Lawrence, L. A. Lazo, J. M. Skylinchar, E. F. Stearns, and C. J. Stevenson. PHM3 D. L. Cochran.

The seven WAVES who received the award were: CPHM's Annie L. Goins, and Kathryn Robinson, PHM1's Elsie E. Ahti, Jaroslava Dvorak, Ruth N. Ford, Edna Peters, and Doris D. Starr.

## Staff Officers Hear Noted Orthopedist

Dr. Donald Eliot King, Chief of the Orthopedic Services at Stanford University hospitals, spoke here Wednesday afternoon to medical officers of the staff, his subject being, "Semi-Lunar Cartilages".

The well-known orthopedist has made many significant contributions to his field, particularly in conditions affecting the hip and lumbar spine. His most recent work involves internal fixation in fusion of the lumbosacral spine. This technique largely eliminates prolonged immobilization in a plaster cast, which heretofore caused prolonged disability in spinal fusion cases.

The guest speaker is Stanford-trained and has been affiliated with that university throughout his medical career with the exception of eight years which he spent at the University of Michigan as resident surgeon and Professor of Orthopedic Surgery.



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## Sports Quiz

(AFPS) — This week's quiz consists of but one question. The following groups of athletes composed units which were known in sports jargon by certain nicknames. You provide these nicknames or group titles.

1. Jacunski, Barbartsky, Pierce, Wojciechowiez, Lombardi, Franco, and Paquin.
2. Layden, Crowley, Miller, and Stuhldreher.
3. McInnis, Barry, Baker, and Collins.
4. Grayson, Topping, Moscripp, Hamilton, Reynolds and teammates.
5. Phillip, Menke, Smiley, Vance, and Matheson.
6. Ruth, Gehrig, Coombs, Meusel, Lazzeri, etc.

## • Movie Schedule •

**Sunday, 7 December**  
**PIRATES OF MONTEREY**  
Maria Montez—Rod Cameron  
Short plus News

**Monday, 8 December**  
**THEY WERE EXPENDABLE**  
Robert Montgomery—John Wayne

**Tuesday, 9 December**  
**SO WELL REMEMBERED**  
John Mills—Martha Scott

**Wednesday, 10 December**  
**DICK TRACY MEETS GRUESOME**  
Boris Karloff—Ralph Byrd  
Borrowed Blonde

**Thursday, 11 December**  
**JOE PALOOKA IN THE KNOCKOUT**  
Leon Errol—Elyse Knox  
T-Men in Action (March of Time)

**Friday, 12 December**  
**NIGHT SONG**  
Dana Andrews—Merle Oberon  
News

**Saturday, 13 December**  
**ALONG CAME JONES**  
Loretta Young—Gary Cooper  
Flicker Flashback No. 6

## Sportin' Around

By Ships' Editorial Association

TRADITIONS come and traditions go, to paraphrase an old thought, but football games go on forever. Notre Dame and Army will play no more—at least for the nonce—but next year, Irish-Mule game or no, the football scene will be as hilarious as ever.

There's been enough written about the Army-Notre Dame game by now. We won't go into it deeply. It's enough to know that the great series began in 1913 (the forward pass was introduced by Knute Rockne in that game; who the forward pass was introduced to, our football guide book didn't tell us). Army has won eight of the contests, N. D., 23, and four were tied.

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Other traditional rivalries we neglected to mention last week are among the country's most colorful.

Tennessee's yearly battles with Vanderbilt and Kentucky are great points of interest in the Old South. The Vols hold large edges in both series which began in the 1890's. Back in those days, too, L.S.U. and Tulane began the Deep South's most famous and bloodiest rivalry. "The Rag"—a square golden pennant, and the seat of the losing captain's football pants go to the winning school each year. L.S.U. is well ahead in the series.

Other famous rivalries in the South and Southwest include the Duke-North Carolina, Duke-Wake Forest, and Wake Forest-North Carolina tussles; the Texas-Texas A&M battle, the Georgia-Georgia Tech fights, and the Ole Miss-Mississippi State tiffs.

Moving westward, there's the Kansas-Missouri blood-battles, and the Missouri-Nebraska fights, the Oklahoma-Oklahoma A&M encounters, the Arkansas-LSU frays (now discontinued), the SMU-TGU games, the Cal-Stanford tilts, the Cal-UCLA mixups, and the Oregon-Oregon State and Southern Cal-Notre Dame titanic collisions.

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Our average in picking the grid winners was boosted a bit last week by a .778 average. For the entire season, our score card reads 284 right, 91 wrong, 13 ties—average: .757—neither here (as the expression goes) nor there. Not much time left to catch that .800 mark.

Basketball takes up the limelight in next week's column. We'll give you the dope on the outstanding prospects for the coming season.

## RINGING CLIMAX

(AFPS)—The delicate question—who owns the ring after an engagement has been broken—was answered recently. California Superior Court Judge Freund made the decision with the backing of a set of laws almost 2,000 years old.

He ruled that an engagement ring is not a woman's property until marriage, and that Miss Betty Sinclair must return the diamond ring, or \$2,500, to her ex-fiance, Russel O. Priebe. As a precedent he quoted Roman law, which held that an engagement ring was merely a symbol of troth. If the troth was broken, the ring went back to its donor.

A little woman is a dangerous thing.

## Buy • Sell • Rent

**FOR SALE**—1938 Ford, 2 door Sedan. New motor, transmission, and brakes. If interested contact CDR H. E. Wiggins, Ext. 240.

**FOR SALE**—New fur coat. Muskrat, Hollander dyed. Cost \$412. Will sell for \$290. Size 14 to 16. I have appraisal papers. G. H. Lawrence, Ext. 251.

**FOR SALE**—Gaffers & Satler table top enamel 4 burner gas stove, almost new. Will sell for \$90. Boy's bicycle, \$25. Phone Ext. 179 or Oak Leaf office.

**FOR SALE**—Baby Buggy, good condition. \$15. Call 223, Oak Leaf Office.

**FOUND** — Silver Bracelet. Owner contact Recreation office.

**LOST**—Blue Leather Key Case, 2 keys. Miniature license plate, No. 44J787. Reward offered. Call L. F. Junker, PHM3, Ext. 190.

**FOR SALE**—Maple breakfast set — extension table, four chairs, all in good condition. \$25. Call Ext. 223.

**FOR SALE**—Muskrat fur coat. One Red Fox Chubby. Contact Mr. Bost in Ship's Service Office.

**FOR SALE**—1941 Ford, two-door sedan. Many new parts recently added. Price is \$1100. For further information, call Ext. 223.

**FOR SALE**—1940 Buick, Club Coupe. Excellent condition. If interested contact Chief Frost, Ext. 283.

**FOR SALE**—Girl's bicycle, almost new. 26 inch wheels, balloon tires. If interested call Ext. 223.

## Knoll Cagers Win Two League Games

The Oak Knoll quintet, meeting little opposition, swept over the Marine Barracks cagers of Treasure Island Friday, 28 November by the score of 45-29.

R. P. Yost led the Knoll offensive against the hapless Marines with a total of 13 points.

This is the second win without a loss in league competition, and enables the Knollites to keep pace with the seven unbeaten teams in the 12th Naval District League.

In a game played last Tuesday, the local team won their third league game by defeating the Alameda Pac-ResFt hoopsters 43-36.

At the half, Oak Knoll was trailing 16-19 and the outcome was in doubt until the last minutes of the game. J. M. Quinlan, with 11 points, was high scorer for the Knoll cagers.

This was the first loss registered by Alameda in league competition and drops them from among the league leaders.

Fans are again reminded that transportation is provided for all who may want to accompany the team on game nights.

**NEXT LEAGUE GAME:** RecSta. Y.B.I., Tuesday, 9 December.

## ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ

1. The Seven Blocks of Granite
2. The Four Horsemen of Notre
3. The \$100,000 Infield of the old Athletics.
4. The Vow Boys of Stanford.
5. The Whiz Kids of Illinois.
6. The Murderers Row of the old Yankees.

## Moiphy . . .

By Penberthy



At Oak Knoll Almost Everyone Reads The Oak Leaf



Introducing

Our Civilian Consultants . . .

Dr. Lloyd R. Reynolds is apparently a firm believer in the "All work and no play" adage. Certainly there is no trace of the "dull boy" in this San Francisco doctor and former Navy captain, who today serves as civilian consultant in the urology department of which he was once chief.

The genial white-haired doctor practices at 909 Hyde Street, San Francisco, is assistant clinical professor of urology at Stanford University Medical School, visiting surgeon at San Francisco Hospital, and a member of the staffs of St. Francis and Palo Alto Hospitals. But when his work schedule allows, he heads for the tennis courts, for the Santa Cruz mountains where he and Mrs. Reynolds have a summer home in the redwoods. There he rides—either his Quarter Horse—bay gelding—or his jeep. The latter finds most useful for wood-sawing expeditions. The doctor's propensity for woodcutting is inherited from his grandfather, who was one of the white men in Lake County, having come west in search of gold in



DR. LLOYD R. REYNOLDS

His capacity for medical studies handed down from his father, who for many years was the only doctor in Lake County. In that Northern California resort area, at Upper Lake, the doctor was born.

**Stanford Athlete**

At Stanford University from 1911 to 1915 the name of Reynolds was as well known in the athletic department as it is in Bay Area medical circles today. The doctor played basketball for four years, captained the squad during his senior year, and for one year was a member of the football team. In 1915, along with his diploma, the trustees gave the re-med student a full-time year-long job as athletic trainer and track coach. The climax of this work came when he took his cindermen to Boston to compete in the IC4A meet. That was 1916 and the first year the Stanford Indians had participated in the big national track event. Now a member of the University's Board of Athletic Control, the doctor still maintains an active interest in sports on the campus.

After devoting a year to athletics, Dr. Reynolds resumed his medical studies and in 1920 received his MD. He remained at Stanford Medical School for a two-year residency in general surgery before going east to take a fellowship in urology at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School. Upon his return to San Francisco, he joined the urology teaching staff at Stanford and entered private practice. When his work was interrupted by the war, Dr. Reynolds took to the

Navy Nurse Corps

The final month of 1947 brings the usual preparations for the holiday season — and N.Q. Yuletide party plans are almost complete.

All nurses are cordially invited to participate in the Christmas Choir for the holiday Services in the Chapel. Clarification of dates, time, and chants may be obtained by contacting ENS P. Cruise.

LTJG J. Johnson recently returned from a pleasant two week's leave in Texas. We hear the flight by air was most eventful for she fell asleep and wore her oxygen mask from New Mexico to Oakland. How blue can a person get?

ENS J. Olander, who spent an enjoyable leave in St. Paul, Minn., and ENS G. Popp in East Chicago, Indiana, have been welcomed back.

Traveling the skyways this week was LT E. Duwe. She is headed for Wichita, Kansas to attend her brother's wedding.

Goodbyes and goodlucks were bestowed upon LT S. Kenyes when she departed for duty as a flight nurse at NAS, Moffett Field.

Bldg. No. 124's party of the week was in honor of ENS N. Bingham, who severed her connections with the NNC and departed to join her husband in Florida.

Returned from duty in China aboard the U.S.S. Repose is LT K. Drozda. She is here for separation. Upon visiting N.Q. she found many friends and acquaintances who joined her in reminiscing.

Among those in attendance at the presentation of the impressive "Messiah" held in the Oakland Auditorium were LT's I. Thompson, and M. Lepine, LTJG N. Finn, and ENS D. Bursa.

Navy the benefits of nearly 20 years of experience in his specialty.

Served at Pearl Harbor

On December 11, 1941, the doctor was called to active duty and was immediately sent to the old Navy hospital at Pearl Harbor to serve as Chief of Urology. When Aiea Heights was commissioned on November 11, 1942, he was transferred there to fulfill a similar assignment. Returning to the mainland in January, 1944, he was first stationed at USNH, Shoemaker, and then at Oak Knoll. With the rank of Captain he served here successively as Chief of Urology, Chief of Surgery, and as Executive Officer.



James L. Harrell, ACMM, a patient on ward 55, proudly exhibits his handiwork. Before going to surgery, he spent every available hour in the station's craft shop working on Santa's gift to his son, Jimmie junior.

Father Fashions  
Santa's Gift to Son

The wondrous goodness of Santa Claus in granting his wish for a rocking horse will be one of Christmas morn's highlights for James Harrell, Jr., age 2½.

His father, James L. Harrell, Sr., ACMM, a patient on ward 55, upon learning of his son's request to Santa anticipated the possibility of the letter going astray on its journey and so made certain that his tot would not be disappointed.

Being scheduled for surgery just a few days after Junior revealed his yearning, the senior Harrell had to spend every available moment in the Red Cross Craft Shop fashioning the likeness of a pinto pony from scraps of laminated plywood. Completing the body he then salvaged some discarded parachute shroud lines and painstakingly separated the strands and from these he made the pony's mane and tail. Next, obtaining fleece and scraps of leather, the ingenious craftsman constructed the saddle. And finally, with paint and brush in hand, Santa's answer to his son's letter was completed.

"Red Hot Mama"  
Here Monday

Sophie Tucker, internationally known vaudeville and nite club star currently appearing at the "Bal Tabarin" in San Francisco, will entertain patients on three wards Monday afternoon, 15 December. Her special visit here has been arranged through the Oakland Chapter of the American Red Cross.

With Miss Tucker will come Ted Shapiro, her accompanist who will assist her in the afternoon's program, which it is reported, will consist of her old familiar numbers.

Because of limited space on the wards, only those patients from the combined A and B units of a given ward will be able to attend the show.

SHIP'S SERVICE NOTES

The Ship's Service Store has just received a shipment of American Flyer Trains, and footballs. Also many other items.

The Beauty Shop will be open Monday through Friday from 0930-1700.

Here and There

Another familiar figure on the compound has announced her coming marriage. Betty Ward, of the Commissary department will become the bride of James Worthington, a former patient on Ward 70B. They plan to be married on the 3rd of January in the Presbyterian Church on 98th Ave.

D. W. Rae of the Staff Personnel office is the proud father of Donald Walter, Jr. Weighing in at 9 pounds 5 ounces, Junior made his howling debut a week-ago last Friday ready to do battle for the Rae household. At last reports Mother and son are doing fine. Daddy? Oh he's fine too.

The animal that holds the dubious distinction of being a personality people like least to be near, held 15 men at bay in the garbage room back of the Commissary last week-end. Probably stomped to death by the fellows seeking a hasty exit, the skunk was killed during the melee which followed the frightened inertia caused by his unexpected presence.

Chief Del Favero of the Record office has stopped holding sea-bag drill since changing his mind about requesting a transfer to Philadelphia.

Those of you who have been following "Penny's" convalescence with anxiety can rest easy now. She is reported to be in the best of condition.

BuMed Officers  
Tour Near East

(SEA)—Rear Admiral M. D. Willcutts, MC, USN, Assistant Chief of BuMed for professional and personal operations, is now on an extended tour through Europe and the Near East, conducting a survey of the cholera situation in the areas and evaluating the results of the treatment following the Navy's contribution of 60,000 pounds of badly needed vaccines and drugs.

With Rear Admiral Willcutts is Captain Leroy D. Fethergill, MC, USNR.



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## Drive Carefully

Americans have developed and nurtured a way of life that unquestionably has no peer elsewhere in the world. Largely because of our use of machines we have more leisure time to accomplish the necessary toward a longer, better, and happier life.

And yet, these very same machines that are working to give us the ultimate in security are also responsible for making brief, the lives of many. They make available to the public—in the form of an automobile—means toward a short, swift life.

Last year despite the country's determined drive to reduce the number of accidents the year's traffic toll was 33,500 deaths. Over a million others were injured, and the property damage bill was \$750,000,000.

The largest percentage cause of fatalities is attributed to the driver. And no matter what measures are taken by the traffic division together with the state highway commission to lessen the incidence of road accidents, the human error factor will always be present.

Perhaps we are not wholly to blame. Car manufacturers propagandize their product to such an extent that some of us unconsciously begin to assume that the machine is supernatural and will do our thinking. That is our first error.

In a country where everyone fiercely defends his right to do his own thinking, it's ironical that many relinquish this right—not to another person—but to a machine; a machine incapable of joining in our agony and despair when sudden catastrophe visits us because of unpremeditated carelessness.

It's not an exaggeration to liken a moving car to Frankenstein. Both of them are forces of immense energy prepared to spread havoc in their wake. But unlike Frankenstein, a machine through the use of common sense restraint can be made to serve its original purpose of supplying mankind's need for enjoyment and relaxation.

## Divine Services

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—E. C. Andrews  
Sunday—  
Divine Service.....1030  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.  
**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900  
Daily Noon Mass.  
Confessions before Mass.

**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.  
**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## WELCOME AND FAREWELL

Three officers were received for duty during the past week: LTJG W. S. Mazen, MCR, USNR, from NOB, Kodiak, Alaska, LTJG D. W. Hales, MCR, USNR, from DesDiv 72, and LTJG R. F. Hoffmap, MCR, USNR, from AdComd, NTC, San Diego for residency type training in pathology.

Detached during the week were: CDR H. E. Wiggins, MC, USN, to Com 8 for duty under instruction in Fellowship in Children's Orthopedics at U. of Oklahoma, LTJG E.

F. Hickey, HC, USN, to Mare Island Naval Hospital as a patient, LTJG A. Liebman, MCR, USNR, to NavTraCen, Great Lakes. C. A. McCollough, PHM3, and W. D. Cline, HA2, to NavTraCen, San Diego, and W. A. Buckner, HA1, to Mare Island.

Eight more hospital corpsmen were separated from the service during the week: PHM3's L. G. Pillstrom, D. M. Peterson, and S. R. Hedberg. HA1's D. H. Kinyon, and J. S. Bonfanti. HA2's E. M. Rodgers, R. L. Nahmanson, and R. A. Wallace.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

According to vital statistics recorded at the Out-Patient Department, eighteen babies were born here during the first week of December. Names of the newcomers are listed below:

### December 1

RUDD, Pamela Sue—To wife of Clarence V. Rudd, MI1, now stationed at Guam, M. I. 7 lb.

WENDORF, Susan V.—To wife of Vernon A. Wendorf, AETM2, VF 19 A, NAS, Alameda. 7 lb. 7 oz.

MURPHY, Pamela June—To wife of Fred Scott Murphy, S1, NAS, Oakland. 6 lb. 9½ oz.

JEFFERSON, John Stephen—To wife of Robert Lee Jefferson, S1, NAS, Oakland. 8 lb. 2 oz.

### December 2

MAY, Jessie Lee—To wife of J. C. May, CK, BOQ, T. I., San Francisco. 5 lb. 14 oz.

RAINBOW, Gary Lee—To wife of Eugene A. Rainbow, AMM1, USS Tarawa, c/o FPO, San Francisco. 9 lb. 5 oz.

### December 3

MCDONALD, Sharon Diane—To wife of Floyd Erwin McDonald, S1, Shop No. 702, Hunter's Point, San Francisco. 8 lb. 8½ oz.

DENOFRIO, Phillip C. III—To wife of Phillip C. Denofrio, Jr. S2, 732 No. Ridge Road, San Francisco. 7 lb.

MATHEWS, George R.—To wife of George M. Mathews, SC3, USS Lloyd Thomas, c/o FPO, San Francisco. 10 lb. 10 oz.

PIERCE, Glen D., Jr.—To wife of Glen D. Pierce, SKV1, FASRON 8, NAS Alameda. 7 lb. 12½ oz.

### December 4

PODBORNY, Catherine R. — To wife of Eugene C. Podborny, AMM2, A&R, NAS, Alameda. 6 lb. 1 oz.

GLOWACKI, Arthur R.—To wife of Edward J. Glowacki, CMM USS UVALDE, AKA88, c/o FPO, San Francisco. 5 lb. 15 oz.

### December 5

MUELLER, Joyce Anne—To wife of Lt. Gregg Mueller, VA 13, ABLE, NAS, Alameda. 4 lb. 10 oz.

ESTY, Sonnie Lee—To wife of Harold S. Esty, Jr., MOMM2, 600 C Buena Vista, Alameda. 8 lb. 1¾ oz.

RAE, Donald Walter, Jr.—To wife of Donald W. Rae, PHM1, STAFF, USNH, Oakland. 9 lb. 5 oz.

### December 6

ZACHRY, Gerald Eugene — To wife of Booker E. Zachry, ARM 3, NAS Moffett Field. 7 lb. 15 oz.

### December 7

CROWLEY, Baby—To wife of Robert Scott Crowley, ACMM, NAS, Alameda. 6 lb. 12¾ oz.

HANECAK, Zedaalena—To wife of James Paul Hanecak, S1, Naval Magazine, NOV, Adak, Alaska. 8 lb. 7¾ oz.

## ENLISTMENTS BOOM

(SEA)—Certain soaps may be 99 and 44/100ths per cent pure, but the Navy's enlistment figures are practically carbon copies of the ad claims. For the second consecutive month, Navy re-enlistment and enlistment totals exceeded 99 per cent of the monthly quota.

The quota is 15,000 and 14,937 men either enlisted or re-enlisted in the Navy during October.

## Red Cross Ramblings

So you are a patient in this hospital and you wonder and you wonder what to do with the long hours of convalescence. Why not get interested in the Red Cross recreation activities that are available to all patients.

**Christmas Package Wrapping.** Only 11 more days till Christmas! Do you have all your packages wrapped? If not, bring them down to the Red Cross—Officers' Wives Wrapping Room in Ship's Service Lobby where all of the materials are available and there is someone to help you put on that fancy touch. There are boxes of all sizes, colored paper, cards, ribbon, and stickers so come now before the last minute rush.

**Ideas For Christmas.** There are lots of scrap lumber, paint, nairmasonite, tin, copper, and plastic and all that is needed is your ideas and elbow grease to make Christmas toys for all of the children in your

A few items of Red Cross non-donated equipment purchased during the war for use of staff in carrying on the program at Oak Knoll are now on sale at the hospital as surplus supplies.

Bid forms are available at the Red Cross Field Director's office where arrangements may be made to see the articles listed; 18 December is the closing date for bids to reach the Pacific Area Office in San Francisco, and awards will be made to the highest bidders.

- 1 1942 Plymouth Tudor Sedan
- 5 typewriter desks
- 3 settees with upholstered seats
- 3 upholstered rattan chairs
- 1 large chair without seat
- 2 small oak tables
- 3 6 x 9 rugs, woven grass
- 1 metal floor lamp without shade

family, a little shelf for the wife, a footstool for grandma, a pipe rack for grandpa, or a nice soft chair for yourself. The gold stamping machine will make your gift more personal—and you can make your own Christmas cards—but now is the time to start. The shop is open Monday through Friday, 1000-1630.

**Pre-Christmas Party.** The University of California Masonic Club had a Christmas party on ward 4B Thursday night and everyone had a grand time. There were girls, Christmas presents for all, girls, music, and more girls. All of the patients on the ward would like to send their vote of thanks to this group for coming to the hospital and ask them to come again.

**Chess and Checkers!** The California School of the Blind has several men who are very interested in coming to the hospital to compete with any of our patients in chess and checkers. If you are an expert—or even want to learn—please contact the Red Cross recreation department immediately, and we will have someone come up and teach you.

**Synonym—**A word you use when you can't spell the other one.





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Saturday, 20 December, 1947

## Staff Member Awarded Bronze Star Medal

Charles R. McKay, PHM1, of the transportation department, was presented the Bronze Star Medal and combat "V" award at personnel inspection, Wednesday, 10 December.

The citation, signed by the Secretary of the Navy for the President, read: "For heroic service while attached to the THIRD Amphibian Tractor Battalion, THIRD Amphibious Corps, THIRD Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault and recapture of enemy-held Guam, Marianas Islands, July 21 and 22, 1944. Serving with an amphibian tractor company which was bivouacked on the Asan-Adelup beachhead when that area was swept by a hostile mortar bombardment during which the company commander and executive officer were killed and many Marines wounded, McKAY braved a hail of fire to render first aid treatment to those wounded during the bombardment and exposing himself to shell bursts, worked for hours until all the wounded had been treated and evacuated from the beachhead. His courageous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

A native of Florida, McKay is a veteran of over six years service.

## Common Cold Cure Claimed By Doctor

CAPT John M. Brewster, (MC), USN, attached to USNH, Great Lakes, Ill., recently revealed in a statement to the press that he had been successfully treating common cold patients at the Great Lakes Station.

The Navy captain said his discovery of the cure goes back to several years ago when he was stationed in New York City attached to the staff of the Atlantic Reserve Fleet.

"At that time," he explained, "I had a case of hives, apparently caused by a milk allergy. I started taking Benadryl and noticed the cold I was contracting immediately disappeared."

Following his own treatment he continued his experiments and found that: (1) Benadryl suppresses watery discharges and shrinks the mucous membrane affected by common colds. (2) It produces a sedative effect. (3) It retards coughing, especially in children. (4) It eliminates fever blisters when taken immediately after the initial itching begins.

## Festive Holiday Spirit Settles Over Oak Knoll As Patients And Staff Await Arrival Of Santa



# Merry Christmas



### Holiday Leave Planned For Staff Personnel

Holiday leave periods have been designated for the Starboard and Port Watches as outlined in a recent station memorandum.

Two five-day holiday leaves are planned. The first for the Port Watch will commence at 1630, Tuesday, 23 December 1947 and will expire at 0730, Monday, 29 December 1947. The leave period for the Starboard Watch will commence at 1630, Tuesday, 30 December 1947 and will expire at 0730, Monday, 5 January 1948.

In another station memorandum published 15 December 1947 it was learned that the Daily Recreation Period for the duty section will be discontinued until further notice.

### Chapel Rededicated

(SEA)—The chapel at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Newport, R. I., was rededicated in impressive ceremonies recently. Originally built by the Sea-

### 392,248 Dressings Made By Volunteer Workers

Volunteer members of the Surgical Dressing Corps of the Oakland Red Cross completed a total of 392,248 dressings during 1947, according to a statement made by Mrs. George C. Ellis, Chairman. These dressings were specifically channeled for Oak Knoll use.

To provide enough dressings during the holiday leave period, 51,000 were completed in November to build a surplus supply which is expected to last until the volunteer workers return to their task January 5th.

Many of the 97 women enrolled in this service have been assembling, week after week, for seven and eight years to insure that dressings so vital to a hospital, would be available.

bees of Camp Endicott, R. I., the chapel was moved with BuPers authority to Newport.

### Christmas Eve Chapel Services

Both Protestant and Catholic Church Services will be held on the station Christmas Eve.

There will be a Candlelight Communion Service for Protestants at 2100 with members of seven San Leandro Churches participating with special music and the singing of carols. This is one of the best musical events of the year, according to E. C. Andrews, Protestant Chaplain.

The Catholic Chaplain, B. T. Poznanski, has announced that there will be a midnight Mass in the station Chapel on Christmas Eve.

## Yule Plans Include Music, Ward Shows

With the Yule log lighted, bells ringing and Santa Claus on his way, the 1947 Christmas Season is well underway at Oak Knoll. Beginning Monday, 15 December and extending through Christmas Day, a variety of entertainment is being featured for both wards and compound audiences. And after tomorrow the station will be a veritable Santa Claus land.

Early tomorrow morning scores of Bay Area citizens will arrive to decorate the entire station from the Main Gate to the wards. Under the auspices of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee an elaborate decorating scheme has been planned for 49 wards, 9 departments, the community center units, and the administration building. In addition, 19 other buildings will be furnished materials with which personnel assigned thereto can decorate as they see fit.

### Talented Artists to Perform

On Monday evening, 22 December at 1930 the Examiner of San Francisco will sponsor a Variety Show in the auditorium. Professional entertainers will be featured.

From the "House of Harris" will come Joaquin Garay, emcee and singing star; the Helene Hughes Dancers from the Bal Tabarin; the Sing Lee Troup from the Club Shanghai; Patsy Parker from the Gay 90's Club; Anita Martell, a juggling comedienne, from the Bal Tabarin; Bob Williams, in a "Dog-gone Funny" show; and Walt Roesner and orchestra.

Tuesday evening at 1930 the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee will present a Vaudeville in eight acts with a 10-piece orchestra as accompaniment. Jimmy Muir, well-known emcee and slight of hand artist will introduce such acts as John Molinari, accordionist; the Montynes, acrobats; Royal Enchanters, 2-men singing duo; Ardeen deCamp, violinist; Jackson and Blackwell, comedy dances; Kenny Pierce, impersonator; Jean Lynn Dancers in costume; and Pat Patterson, comedy puppeteer!

Christmas Eve, emphasis will be placed on the Children's Party at 1430 and on an informal open house for All Hands from 1900-2030—both in the auditorium. For the kiddies there will be some very special entertainment, holiday refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus himself. The

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## Sports Quiz

(AFPS)—Just for a change, this week's quiz is a true-false affair. How many of the following statements are correct?

1. The "bat trick" is an expression taken from golf slang.
2. The National League's most valuable player for 1947 was Johnny Mize, Giant slugger.
3. Albie Booth is an immortal Harvard halfback.
4. Charlie Keller was the Yankee "bust" in the recent World Series.
5. The Stanley Cup is the award in the National Hockey League's annual play-offs.
6. Billy Hitchcock, recently traded to the Boston Red Sox, was once a fine football player at Auburn.
7. Johnny Mack Brown, cowboy movie star, was once a football ace of Rose Bowl fame.

## • Movie Schedule •

Sunday, 14 December	CHRISTMAS EVE
George Brent—Joan Blondell	March of Time—News
Monday, 15 December	THE RED HOUSE
Edw. G. Robinson—Lon MacAllister	
Tuesday, 16 December	ALWAYS TOGETHER
Joyce Reynolds—Robert Hutton	Fishing The Florida Keys
Wednesday, 17 December	BIG TOWN AFTER DARK
Phillip Reed—Hillary Brooke	Abusement Park
Thursday, 18 December	THE FLAME
John Carroll—Vera Ralston	Sponge Divers
Friday, 19 December	CASS TIMBERLANE
Spencer Tracy—Lana Turner	News
Saturday, 20 December	THE HARVEY GIRLS
Judy Garland—John Hodiak	

## Oak Knoll Cagers Win One, Lose One

Oak Knoll cagers defeated a team from the Staff PacReds, Treasure Island 2 December, 42-21 for their fourth straight win in the 12th Naval District League.

Little opposition was furnished by the T. I. team allowing the Knollites to use their reserves during most of the game. H. W. Sonnyera, playing guard, was high scorer for the local team with a total of 11 points.

At press time it was learned that an underdog team from the Redfins, Treasure Island scored an upset by defeating Oak Knoll, 39-38.

The loss was the first suffered by the Knoll cagers in league competition.

## Buy • Sell • Rent

FOR SALE—1938 Ford, 2 door Sedan. New motor, transmission, and brakes. If interested contact CDR H. E. Wiggins, Ext. 240.

FOR SALE—New fur coat. Muskrat. Hollander dyed. Cost \$412. Will sell for \$290. Size 14 to 16. I have appraisal papers. G. H. Lawrence. Ext. 231.

FOR SALE—Gaffers & Sailer table top enamel 4 burner gas stove, almost new. Will sell for \$90. Boy's bicycle, \$35. Phone Ext. 179 or Oak Leaf office.

FOR SALE—Baby Buggy, good condition. \$15. Call 223, Oak Leaf Office.

FOR SALE—Maple breakfast set — extension table, four chairs, all in good condition. \$25. Call Ext. 223.

FOR SALE—Muskrat fur coat. One Red Fox Chubby. Contact Mr. Boat in Ship's Service Office.

FOR SALE—1941 Ford, two-door sedan. Many new parts recently added. Price is \$1100. For further information, call Ext. 223.

FOR SALE—1940 Buick, Club Coupe. Excellent condition. If interested contact Chief Frost, Ext. 283.

FOR SALE—Girl's bicycle, almost new, 26 inch wheels, balloon tires. If interested call Ext. 223.

WANTED TO BUY—Singer Sewing machine. Call Ext. 243, Rita Haverlandt.

FOR SALE—1946 Royal trailer house, like new. Sleeps 4. 16 feet long and 8 feet wide. Reasonable offer accepted. Contact Shafer, HA1, Ward 50A.

LOST—Blue Leather Key Case, 2 keys. Miniature license plate, No. 44J787. Reward offered. Call L. F. Junker, PHM3, Ext. 190.

## ANSWERS TO SPORT QUIZ

1. False. It is a hockey expression not even play.
2. True. He played for Yale.
3. False. He was injured and did not even play.
4. False. He was injured and did not even play.
5. True. It was Pittsburgh's Bob Elliott.
6. False. He was Pittsburgh's Bob Elliott.
7. True. He was Pittsburgh's Bob Elliott.

## Sportin' Around

By Alvin Editorial Association

INTERFERENCE is an unusual word. Off the gridiron it's as welcome as an extra degree in the middle of August. On the gridiron, it's a desirable and necessary attribute—for the offensive team.

Important as it is, the men who take part in forming the interference are the forgotten men of football. Once in a while some blocking back or lineman receives the recognition due his important work, but for the most part, achievement in blocking goes unrecognized.

Princeton, in 1879, was the first to use such a maneuver as interference. Only then, it was called "guarding the runner," and the men doing the guarding ran alongside of the man carrying the ball, instead of in front of him as today.

Much of the credit for the development of blocking and interference should be given to Hodge of Princeton, who was the first to send men ahead of the runner to clear the way for him, and instituted other then-startling developments.

Recent-year blocking greats include Bob Suffridge of Tennessee, 1938, All-American guard; Marshall Goldberg of Pitt. also in 1938, running back as well as blocking back; Al Blozis, tackle, Georgetown, 1940; Doc Blanchard, Army's great running and blocking back; and our all-time choice for blocking back—Foran Evashewski, Michigan, 1940, who led the way for the great Tom Harmon—but who was perhaps even greater than Harmon himself.

CAGE COURTS from Kalamazoo to California echo sounds of the dribbling and shooting of basketball hopefuls as the country's spotlight swings from the gridiron to the mesh nets of the Casaba Kingdom.

And with the changeover comes speculation as to which teams will end up on top of the biggest, most ferocious fight for national laurels in the history of the sport.

Two-day of the battle last week the University of Utah's great forward, looks like a pretty good bet for a repeat performance. Under the tutelage of Volney Foreman, the Utah team swept aside all comers to gain the mythical national championship in early 1947. This year, with All-American Artie "Shrimp" Ferris and Vern Gardner fronting the attack, Utah's offense may retain the scalp of basketball.

But the competition will be tough. A perennial strong-arm of American hardwoods is Adolph Rupp, Kentucky quarter. The Wildcats still have the services of their star, forward Ralph Beard and center Alex Groza, and will lay their ante in for the big jackpot.

The Kansas University club is an unusual dark horse entry. Coached by Mr. Basketball—the great Phog Allen—they may pull a few surprise punches out of their kit-bag before the final whistle blows.

And then there are the behemoths of the New York City area. Great teams seem to spring from the backboards of St. John's, STU, CCNY, DePaul, and Columbia the woods in fertile soil.

Noire Dame will again have one of the toughest teams in the Midwest. With Ed "Moore" Krone guiding such talent as All-American candidate Kevin O'Shea (Yale-O'Shea), they should go far.

Across the country, Calumet, St. Louis, Navy, West Virginia, Arkansas, Wyoming, California and UCLA all will have their hat in the ring.

Yes, folks—this will be the greatest season of Grade-A basketball since James Naismith bounced a union through a hoop back in 1891.

Winding up with an 833 average for the last week of the grid season, our season's prognosticated scoreboard reads: 236 right, 94 wrong, 15 ties—for an overall average of 74. That's all 'till the bowl game.

## Moiphy . . .

By Penberthy



"Here—slip this to him and ask him to forget those mean reports of mine."



Introducing

Our Civilian Consultants . . .

Dr. Ernest O. Gunderson has been looking into people's eyes for more than a decade. What he sees there would be difficult to explain to the layman, but those who are associated with the ophthalmologist professionally say that he knows what he is looking for.

The Berkeley eye specialist was born and schooled in Iowa. He took both his undergraduate study and his medical work at the University of Iowa Medical School, receiving his M.D. in 1933. Perhaps he still has an occasional touch of nostalgia for his alma mater. At any rate he and a fellow alumnus of the University, Dr. Edward J. Ringrose, M.D. '39 (also an Oak Knoll consultant) frequently find opportunity to discuss the assets of their native state and the university where their medical careers began. The two doctors—ophthalmologist and dermatologist—share a reception room at 38 Durant Avenue near the University of California campus.



DR. ERNEST O. GUNDERSON

Studied in East

Dr. Gunderson began his ophthalmic instruction at the University of Pennsylvania Post-Graduate School of Medicine. Following a year's residency there he came to California to join the combined Stanford and U.C. Service at San Francisco County Hospital and later was resident ophthalmologist at the University of California Hospital. In 1940 he was certified as a Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Gunderson has the distinction of being one of two former Army doctors now serving as consultants at this Navy hospital. Called to active duty in February, 1941, he served for more than five years as head of the eye departments at Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Washington, and Fort Douglas Hospital, Salt Lake City.

On Berkeley Staffs

Today, in addition to maintaining his private practice, Dr. Gunderson comes to Oak Knoll twice each week for consultation and surgery and to give instruction in treating disorders of the eye. He also serves as assistant ophthalmologist at Cowell Hospital on the U.C. campus and is a member of the staffs of two other Berkeley Hospitals—Alta Bates and Herrick.

Navy Hospital Given As Civilian TB Home

(SEA)—In support of the national tuberculosis campaign, the Navy's \$7,000,000 hospital at Seattle, Wash., has been turned over to local officials for use as a civilian tuberculosis sanitarium.

Welcome and Farewell

Reporting for duty during the past week were: L. H. Baker, CPHM, from Corpus Christi, Texas, and V. T. Thompson, PHM1, from Naval Medical Center, Guam.

Transferred to other ships and stations during the week were: LTJG R. F. Hasl, MCR, USNR, to USS Thomas Jefferson, LTJG R. J. Adams, MCR, USNR, to USNAS, Pensacola, Fla., F. R. Frost, CPHM, T. E. Cecil, PHM1, and F. W. Cole, PHM3, to the nearest receiving station on the east coast for further assignment by ComServLant, D. L. Cochran, PHM2, W. V. Stradtmann, PHM3, T. Wilson, PHM3, and R. J. Tedeschi HA1, to ComWesSeaFron for further assignment, P. Phillips, PHM3, to USNH, Mare Island, and C. K. Davidson, PHM1, to USNH, Long Beach.

Separated from the service were: LTJG R. E. Smith, MCR, USNR, PHM3's W. A. Johnson, R. A. Farkas, A. E. White, and L. R. Cotton. HA1's D. A. Palmer, G. D. Walker, K. Suskauer, N. L. Ellis, and E. D. Packheiser. D. B. Vahlberg, HA2, and J. H. Miller, SKD3.

Navy Nurse Corps

The festive air is everywhere and N. Q. appears to be housing a large proportion of it. Trees, wreathes, garlands and other Christmas decorations are commencing to make their appearance in windows, rooms and on doors. Corridors will not be neglected, for trees will be placed in each for the residents to decorate. A prize is to be awarded for the "best dressed" tree. Competition should be great, judging from the spirit already exhibited.

An eggnog shower party was held this week in honor of ENS A. Shedd's approaching marriage to CPHAR C. B. Gordon, USN. The celebration was in the holiday mood with wreathes, tree, gifts, and laughter.

"Bon Voyages" were extended to LTJG R. Byers, who was detached this week for duty at the U.S. Naval Dispensary in Saipan. A thirty-day leave will permit a family holiday reunion, prior to sailing.

Among the passengers aboard a plane destined for Panama this week was LTJG R. Hartley. She will spend her two weeks holiday leave with someone very important in Panama—and, her family in Bend, Oregon.

Duty was terminated for LT Le-pine when she was detached this week for duty at USNH, Newport, R. I.

Holiday Festivities

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Open House will feature group singing and general merriment, with special guest accompanists.

Gala Christmas Day

According to Arthur L. Daniels, Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee coordinator for Oak Knoll, Christmas Day will be the Big Day on the compound, when 4 Santa Clauses, 12 entertainment units composed of approximately 40 artists and 5 orchestras will furnish Christmas cheer for patients and staff. Over 1300 patients will receive a present direct from Santa himself.

Beginning at 0900, the four Santas with pack on back, will start their tour of the wards. With each one will be an accordion player who will herald the visit of the good Saint Nick.

From 1100 to 1300 an old-fashioned Christmas Dinner will feature roast turkey and all the trimmings. Ward trays will be brightened by nut cups and favors made by Junior Red Cross Chapters of the Bay Area. In Mess Halls A, B, and C, small 5-piece orchestras will lend festive spirit to the holiday meal. Also in the Officers Mess Hall and at Sick Officers Mess small orchestras will play.

Ward shows will start at 1300. Seven units of four members each will go from ward to ward entertaining patients and their guests.

Many Shows Already Given

Holiday festivities on the station actually began last Monday when Mrs. Saake presented her "Christmas Talent Parade" featuring talented juvenile acrobats, dancers, and Frankie Burk singing Sophie Tucker style.

Wednesday evening the Lafayette Lion's Club brought fun and hilarity to the stage with their Minstrel Show. Thursday evening the famous "Duncan Sisters" of Hollywood were brought to the stage under the auspices of Bay Meadows with Jack Smith as manager. Also featured during the same evening were Russell Jones and his All-Star Revue; Lee Irvin, violinist; and four short subjects in movies. And last night the Lafayette Play Shop kept the audience in laughter with their comedy "Goodbye Again."

Red Cross Ramblings

A Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year to all of you from Red Cross staff and Gray Ladies.

Plans are underway for parties on the wards during Christmas week and Christmas Eve. On Sunday, December 21, a group of students from Oakland Technical High School will bring a choral group to sing Christmas carols, and on Monday evening the Montclair Women's Club and St. Paul's Choir will carol outside the wards. Christmas Eve will be celebrated on the wards by Gray Ladies visiting the bed patients with refreshments and music and entertainment. There will be stockings filled with all sorts of things—except blondes—and carol groups singing between the wards. Have we some nominations for Santa Claus? If not, there are already some who will be here. So we'll see you Christmas Eve for a quiet evening "at home."

SPORTS FILMS

Sports films have been in so much demand by patients of all wards that the Red Cross has made special arrangements with Standard Oil Company of California for the use of four complete sports films covering all fields of sports and specialties. These will be shown by special request to wards between December 23 and December 28. This is a nice Christmas present from Standard of California to this hospital!

If you really want to see something, go take a look at the new garden up at ward 64. Planned with the aid of Landscape Architect Gotzenberg of the University of California, this garden is unusual and should be a real "thing of beauty" come spring-time. The boys on 64 have done a wonderful job so far. Any other wards that want help to start a real and different garden, call the Red Cross.

Here and There

Seen wearing the Chief's uniform this week were three former warrant officers: A. V. Brock, C. B. Gordon, and Richard Wells. They reverted to their permanent rate of CPHM and are expecting to remain at Oak Knoll for duty.

Chiefs whose wives insist on being taken out occasionally will be happy to know that the Chiefs' Club at NAS, Alameda has completed plans for a gala, inexpensive, New Year's Eve party and dance—Admission price is only two dollars a couple.

At 1400 in the Stanford Chapel today, Gladys Scott, Red Cross social worker, will become the bride of LTJG Robert A. C. Bridge, MCR, USNR.

The households of two Oak Knoll staff members welcomed additions to their families during the past week. Mrs. R. A. Alexander, wife of Dr. Alexander, gave birth to Carol Ann, weight 6 lb. 11 oz. on 12 December, and Mrs. J. H. Gurule, the wife of J. Henry Gurule, PHM1, gave birth to a 6 lb. girl, Susanne Nanette, on 14 December.

Chiefs Brandon, Schultz, and Wells, joined in the chorus "I Do," one day this week, and so started on another four-year cruise.

The volume of work done by the Officers' Wives Club Christmas package wrapping service deserves recognition. The Oak Leaf feels it speaks for all hands when it says "Well Done," to this group of volunteer workers, without whose services, many of our gifts would have lacked that special festive touch.

Notice to all officers: Reservations are now being taken in the Public Information Office for the New Year's Eve Party. Special plans are in the offing, including dinner, dancing, and a midnight supper to help you usher in the New Year in a spirit of fun and merriment. Your friends are welcome.



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## The Holiday Season

The carefree spirit of Christmas is again invading the minds of men, driving out the hate and controversy that adhere to the ridges of their hearts during the year. Like a subway train that stops and spews forth its heterogeneous multitude, we once yearly, especially try to eject from our minds the incongruous grievances that are harbored there and that serve to disrupt our artery of contentment.

Yes, it is good that for a while each year, the bickering and wrangling of man is overshadowed by mankind's genuine spirit of forgiveness. It is good that hearts of friendship will beat in unison amid the gaiety, feasting and good will that the holiday season brings.

And Oak Knoll will not be without its share of Christmas cheer. The gay decorations—banners, wreaths, trees and sprigs—furnished by a tireless and devoted Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee, will brighten with an evergreen tinge, the holiday hours of both patients and staff who will be away from home. Because many of us will be unable to join our families on Christmas, the day will perhaps lack its intrinsic value—but it will not lack heart-warming goodness.

To make this Christmas a pleasant and festive occasion, the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee, the Red Cross, Welfare and Recreation, and various outside organizations have combined their efforts. These groups have arranged programs that will bring cheer into every ward and department on the station so that no one will have been forgotten.

And so with the arrival of Christmas morn, when the echoing cries of "Now Dasher, Now Dancer," are intermingling with the last strains of "Holy Night," let us be humbly grateful for this heritage that brings a peace and happiness quite different from that which we experience during the year.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

### A WONDER THAT NEVER ENDS

Whether there be loneliness or sickness or destitution, no matter the ill which life would impoverish us, it can never bedim the unending wonder of Christmas. Only he who knows no faith is really poor on Christmas Eve, with no coin to spend in his bartering for happiness. And even he is not untouched by the reflected glory of the Christmas wonder, should he so much as pause once in the midst of tinsel merriment and holiday cheer to ponder the why of it all.

For Christmas is no mere anniversary day. It has to do with God. With God who was rich and became poor for our sakes. With God who was ill content to have His own creation spoiled and unrepaired. With God who still loved the world that even He could think of no better way of showing it than by giving His only begotten Son.

And so on Christmas Day the Son of God became man and dwelt among us. Born in a stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Heralded by angels and greeted by a few shepherds. Triumphant song broke out over the pasture lands and the angelic serenade filled the countryside: "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to men of good will."

That is the wonder of Christmas. It is the wonder of God's boundless love for men. Any man who has God's love is rich, though he be stripped of all things else. And any man who has lost that love is always poor.

And so when "Merry Christmas" once again fills the air, what is really being said is: "God's love be in your heart, God's glory be on your lips, God's peace be in your life." And this is my wish to each and all at Oak Knoll Hospital.

B. T. POZNANSKI, Catholic Chaplain

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

Twenty-eight babies arrived at Oak Knoll's Out-Patient Department in time to take part in Christmas festivities. Names and other details concerning the new Navy dependents are listed below:

**December 8**  
MELENDREZ, Arnold Archibald, Jr.—To wife of Arnold A. Melendrez, AMM3, NAS, Oakland. 7 pounds, 5 1/4 ounces.

**December 9**  
LYNCH, James Michael—To wife of David E. Lynch, CMM, Naval Station, Treasure Island. 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

MORAD, Ronald Joseph—To wife of Robert J. Morad, S1, NAS, Alameda. 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

STANLEY, Melvin Theodore—To wife of Joe T. Stanley, S1, NAS, Alameda. 7 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces.

**December 10**  
BAILEY, Clarisa F.—To wife of Neil D. Bailey, CSKV, VR4, NAS, Alameda. 7 pounds, 1 1/4 ounces.

MILLER, Jorinda Joyce—To wife of Donald A. Miller, AMM1, A&R, NAS, Alameda. 6 pounds, 13 1/4 ounces.

ANELOSKI, Linda Hope—To wife of Edmund Aneloski, ChBos'n, USS Lejeune, AP74, FPO, San Francisco. 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

CHEVES, Jack Randle—To wife of Orval R. Cheves, SC1, Galley, NAS, Alameda. 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

GANTER, Catherine Julia — To wife of August Ganter, Cox, Terminal Island, San Pedro. 7 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces.

HARRINGTON, Cecil Kenneth — To wife of Glesner W. Harrington, CMM, USS Onida, APA221, Hunter's Point, San Francisco. 8 pounds, 15 1/2 ounces.

**December 11**  
DEISTER, Robert Eugene — To wife of William Deister, AETM2, NAS, Alameda. 6 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces.

GRANZOW, Rhys Jack—To wife of Ramon J. Granzow, TMV1, USS Boxer, FPO, San Francisco. 6 pounds 13 ounces.

KINGSTON, Joy Anne—To wife of Carl E. Kingston, AMM1, VR4, NATS, Moffett Field. 9 pounds, 3/4 ounce.

ERICKSON, David George — To wife of S/Sgt. Arvid R. Erickson, HQ, Dept. of the Pacific, 100 Harrison, San Francisco. 6 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces.

SHAW, Maurice Overton, Jr. — To wife of Maurice O. Shaw, CQM, USS Tarawa, ATF92, FPO, San Francisco. 7 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces.

WEDLAKE, Ronald Lee—To wife of Philip R. Wedlake, CMM, AGRS, Oakland. 7 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces.

**December 12**  
ALEXANDER, Carol Ann — To wife of LTJG Raymond A. Alexan-

## Only 3 Five-Star Ranks Left of Original Eight

Washington (AFPS) — Military rank is melting away in the Armed Forces.

The retirement of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, who has been succeeded as Chief of Naval Operations by Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, will leave only three officers of five-star rank.

They are Generals Eisenhower and McArthur, and Fleet Admiral Leahy, Chief of Staff to the President.

Congress created the high ranks during the war to bring American officers to equal level with their counterparts in allied forces. The ranks were created for the life of the individuals. No provision was made for their continuation.

**Examinations for advancement in rate, from HA1 and PHM3 to PHM3 and PHM2 respectively, will be held in the main mess hall Monday, 22 December, at 1400. To qualify, staff members must be recommended by their head of department. Personnel may contact the Staff Personnel Office for verification of their eligibility to participate in the examination.**

der, OPD, Staff, USNH, Oakland. 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

MELLIN, Randall Jerome — To wife of Frank L. Mellin, AMM3, NAS, Oakland. 7 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.

MILLER, Barry Michael—To wife of Merle M. Miller, ARM1, NAS, Alameda. 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

THOMAS, Clyde Henson III — To wife of Clyde H. Thomas, Jr., AMM2, NAS, Alameda. 8 pounds 8 1/4 ounces.

WITHERS, Henry Leslie—To wife of John H. Withers, SM1, USS Gollahan, T. I. San Francisco. 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

**December 13**  
HUNTER, Daniel Bryant—To wife of 2ndLt. Daniel B. Hunter, USMC, 1st Prov. Combat Service Group, Service Command, FMF, Pac., FPO, San Francisco. 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

JONES, Michael Jay—To wife of Raymond W. Jones, SPI1, Treasure Island. 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

BLASINGAME, Rosalie Vida — To wife of Sgt. Aubrey Blasingame, USMC, Treasure Island. 6 pounds, 14 1/2 ounces.

HUBBARD, John Franklin — To wife of John B. Hubbard, CSF, USS Chewaucan, OAG50, c/o FPO, San Francisco. 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

GOLDSBOROUGH, Dancy Lee — To wife of ENS Robert R. Goldsborough, Treasure Island. 4 pounds, 15 ounces.

**December 14**  
GURULE, Susanne Nanette — To wife of J. Henry Gurule, PHM1, Staff, USNH, Oakland. 6 pounds.

EASON, Constance May—To wife of Sidney Eason, ARM1, NAS, Alameda. 8 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces.

## Divine Services

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—E. C. Andrews  
Sunday—  
Divine Service.....1030  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.  
**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—B. T. Poznanski  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0900  
Daily Noon Mass.  
Confessions before Mass.

**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.  
**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 164.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.





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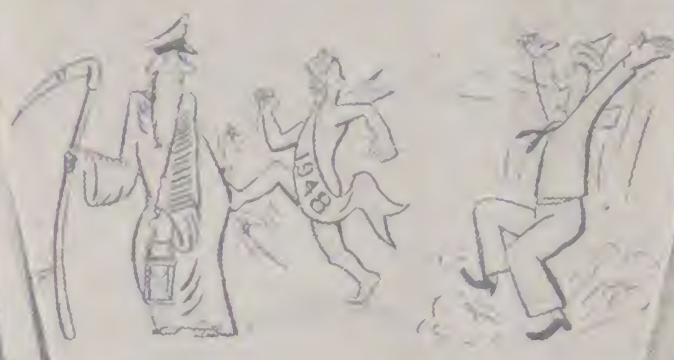
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HAPPY NEW YEAR



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• **Movie Schedule** •

- Sunday, 21 December**  
**ROOSEVELT STORY**  
Documentary  
Song Of A Nation—News
- Monday, 22 December**  
**PRINCESS & THE PIRATE**  
Bob Hope—Virginia Mayo  
Ski Master
- Tuesday, 23 December**  
**THUNDER IN THE VALLEY**  
Peggy Ann Garner—Lon MacAllister
- Wednesday, 24 December**  
**YOU CAN'T CHEAT AN HONEST MAN**  
W. C. Fields—Edgar Bergen  
Harnessed Lightning
- Thursday, 25 December**  
**SHE COULDN'T TAKE IT**  
George Raft—Joan Bennett  
Flora
- Friday, 26 December**  
**I LOVE TROUBLE**  
Franchot Tone—Adele Jergens  
Novelty Shop—News
- Saturday, 27 December**  
**UP GOES MAISIE**  
Ann Southern—George Murphy  
Calling On Costa Rico



The Knoll Cagers' captain, H. G. Sanders, makes a fast break for his goal as two players of the Treasure Island Marine team converge on him. The fast-breaking Knollites swamped the Marines, 45-29.

**KNOLL SPORTS**

The Knoll Cagers again split two 12th Naval District League games last week. Winning the first against the WesSeaFron team, 69-37 and dropping the second to the USS Tarawa by the close score of 56-51.

J. M. Quinlan was high scorer for Oak Knoll in both games.

Robert A. Spates, PHM3, of Ward 63B, represented Oak Knoll in the 12th Naval District wrestling tournament held Monday, 15 December.

Wrestling in the 136 pound class, Spates was eliminated in a final match to determine the winner when he was one of three wrestlers who finished in a three-way tie.

The individual class winners are expected to be sent to Annapolis to compete in the Olympic Games try-outs.

**Santas Wanted**

(SEA)—A Santa Claus-less Christmas dim the American Yuletide season this year.

It seems that there's a shortage of the portly, jovial gentlemen that usually play the part, and the pay of \$4 a day can't induce newcomers to join the ranks.

To make a bad situation worse, goatee tufts used to make Santa's traditional chin-whiskers are not to be had. Imitations won't stand up under adverse weather conditions, becoming ragged and losing their shape.

**Sportin' Around**

By Ships' Editorial Association

PROGNOSTICATION is a dangerous thing. Particularly when it comes to athletics. Although the tea leaves may read as clearly as 10-inch type, that little something called "surprise" can turn the best laid plans of men astray in such a fashion that even Burns would blush.

Knowing this, however, we stuck our necks out last week by picking the teams we figure to end up on top of this year's basketball scramble. This time, we'll pull the noose tighter by predicting who (in our opinion) will make that respected and sacrosanct list of All-Americans.

Leading our string of likely choices are five All-American candidates from last season—Arnold Ferrin and Vern Gardner of the University of Utah, Ralph Beard and Alex Groza of Kentucky and George Kok of Arkansas. If we were so naive as to believe that more than one player from any single team would be picked for the all-star squad, our choices would be those five.

However, that is beyond the realms of possibility, so we'll make the following choices: At guards — Arnold Ferrin and George Kraftan of Holy Cross.

Both of these boys are lanky, good rebound men, accurate passers, dead-eye marksmen, and all around team men. Ferrin, not a newcomer to the All-American team by two seasons' full, our choice as the captain of the team.

At forward, the number one choice is Ralph Beard. One of the outstanding men last season, he has every necessary attribute of a great ball player. His speed and unerring accuracy earn him the nod. The other forward slot will go to our dark horse pick—6-foot-1-inch Kevin O'Shea of Notre Dame. Although hampered by a trick knee during the 1946 season, he still gained wide repute through his one-handed shots and cunning dribbling.

Rounding off our "dream team" is lanky Ernie Vandeweghe of Colgate. Only 19 years old, the 6-foot-3-incher has already proven himself a stand-out candidate, starring in the East-West game two years back and generally playing circles around opposing centers.

Now that we've made the big leap, we'll sit back and watch some unheralded youngster blaze along and drag down all the honors... and our predictions of things to come.

**Buy • Sell • Rent**

**FOR SALE**—1938 Ford, 3 door Sedan. New motor, transmission, and brakes. If interested contact CDR H. E. Wiggins, Ext. 240.

**FOR SALE**—New fur coat. Muskrat. Hollander dyed. Cost \$412. Will sell for \$290. Size 14 to 16. I have appraisal papers G. H. Lawrence, Ext. 251.

**FOR SALE**—Baby Buggy, good condition. \$15. Call 223, Oak Leaf Office.

**FOR SALE**—Maple breakfast set — extension table, four chairs, all in good condition. \$25. Call Ext. 223.

**FOR SALE**—Muskrat fur coat. One Red Fox Chubby. Contact Mr. Bass in Ship's Service Office.

**FOR SALE**—1941 Ford, two-door sedan. Many new parts recently added. Price is \$1100. For further information, call Ext. 223.

**WANTED**—Will buy good used refrigerator at a reasonable price. Call Mrs. Sayles at Ext. 226.

**WANTED TO BUY**—Singer Sewing machine. Call Ext. 243, Rita Harerlandt.

**FOR SALE**—1946 Royal trailer house, like new. Sleeps 4. 18 feet long and 8 feet wide. Reasonable offer accepted. Contact Shafer, HA1 Ward 50A.

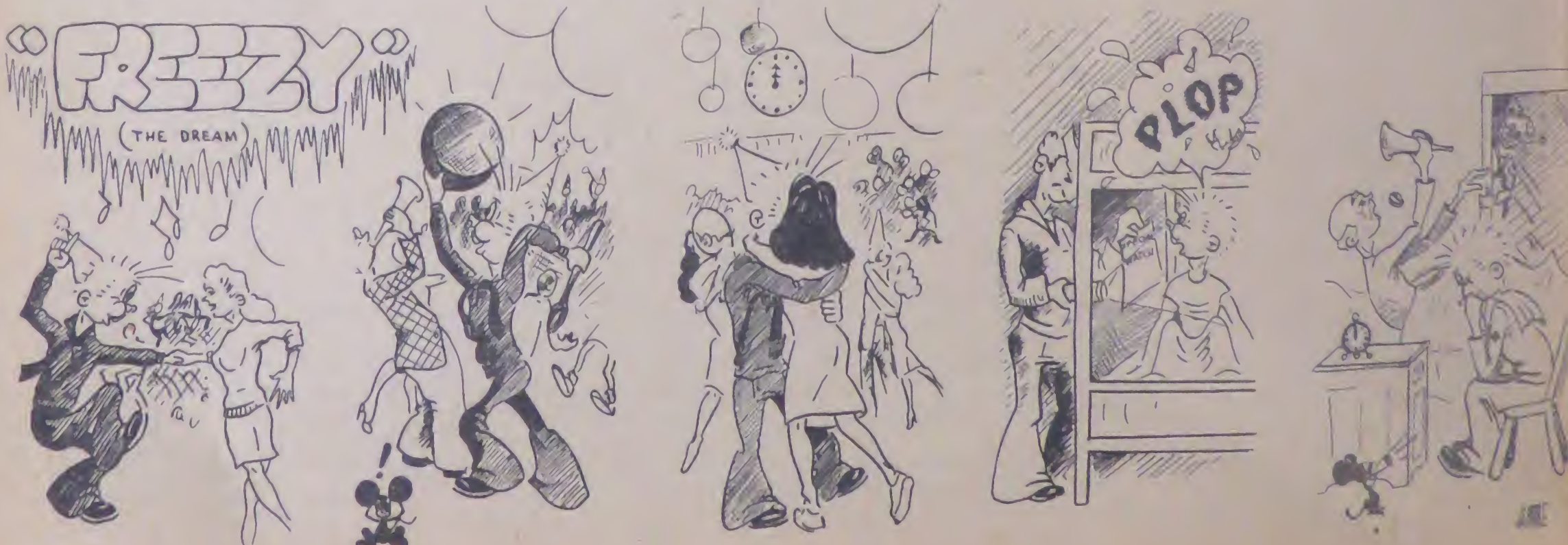
**New Malaria Remedy**

New York (AFPS)—Development of a new anti-malarial drug, which when used with quinine will cure 95 per cent of all malaria relapse cases, was announced by Dr. Robert C. Elderfield, professor of chemistry at Columbia University.

He said the new drug would bring relief to nearly half a million veterans who contracted malaria during the war.

**Lest We Forget**

Hobart, Okla. (AFPS)—It is often said that a good memory is worth a great deal of money. Dan Williams found out that it is at least inversely true. Forgetfulness costs. Recently he picked more winners than anyone in the local football pool, but while on the way to collect his money, he reached in his pocket and discovered that he had forgotten to submit his selections.





## Introducing

### Our Civilian Consultants . . .

Dr. L. Henry Garland has taught and practiced radiology for 20 years. He is the presiding officer of a weekly clinical-x-ray conference which has run continuously since 1930 at the San Francisco Hospital, and the co-sponsor of a weekly tumor conference in the same hospital since 1935. Despite continuous exposure to general and plastic surgeons, the radiologist is still convinced that most accessible tumors can best be treated by irradiation.

Born in 1903 in Dublin, Ireland, the consultant was educated at Belvedere, Castleknock, and University Colleges, Dublin. He graduated in October 1924 with the degrees M.B., B.Ch., and B.A.O. The doctor attributes his early graduation, (1) to the fact that since he was one of a family of ten he felt it incumbent on him to speed through his education, and (2) to the aid of certain professors.



DR. L. HENRY GARLAND

Who were eager to be rid of him. While interning at the Richmond and Rotunda Hospitals in Dublin, the young doctor considered becoming a urologist.

#### Arrives In U.S.

As a youth he had read much about the Panama Canal; so he seized the first opportunity for inspecting it in person, when a San Francisco physician offered him a trial appointment as urological assistant. After a short post-graduate period in London, he arrived in San Francisco in the fall of 1925, satisfying en route his craving for a sight of the Canal.

The urological career did not evenuate, leaving the eager young doctor in a state of suspended animation. Dr. W. E. Chamberlain came to the rescue by offering him a residency in radiology at Stanford. Upon completion of this work in 1927, he visited x-ray departments throughout the United States and was nominated radiologist to St. Mary's Hospital. During the two years he served in that position he was appointed clinical instructor in radiology on the staff of Stanford University Medical School, visiting Radiologist to the Laguna Honda Home, and later to the San Francisco Hospital. He entered private practice with the late John Morae Rehfish in 1929.

#### Traveled Extensively

In 1932 and again in 1935 the doctor made trips through the United States, Canada, and Europe, visiting many radiological clinics and institutes—an invaluable experience for one in his specialty.

Today Dr. Garland is Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine (Radiology) at Stanford University. He is attending radiologist at St. Jo-

seph's Hospital, Visiting Radiologist to the San Francisco City and County Hospital (in charge of the Stanford service); Branch Consultant to the United States Veteran's Administration, Consultant for Letterman General Hospital, and for Oak Knoll.

Beginning with college—when he served as secretary of the swimming club (although he claims to have been inept at sports)—he has held numerous secretarial positions. He has served as scribe for the Pacific Roentgen Society since 1933, was secretary of the San Francisco County Medical Society from 1939-42, and is present secretary of the California Medical Association. He was Acting President, American College of Radiology from 1938-39, is president-elect, Radiological Society of North America, 1947, and vice-president, American Cancer Society, California Division, 1947. In 1934 he passed the American Board of Radiology examination and in 1945 was elected a member of that Board.

#### Enters Navy

December 1942 marked the beginning of Dr. Garland's Navy medical career. His stations were few and pleasant—Oakland Naval Hospital, Astoria Naval Hospital, and the U.S.S. REFUGER. Because of a congenital inability to say "no," even to commanding officers, he found himself afflicted with miscellaneous and strange jobs, such as Defense Counsel at Courts Martial, Instructor in Anatomy to Corpsmen, Rehabilitation Officer, and (although by then the father of five children) B.O.Q. Officer at Astoria. He returned to normal civilian duties in March 1946.

Dr. Garland's hobbies include skiing (with the other six members of his family), color photography and loafing . . . at which his wife complains that he works too little.

#### Deadline Extended

The Veterans Administration recently announced that the "easy reinstatement" provisions for veterans of World War II, who have allowed their National Service Life term insurance to lapse, have been extended through next July. It was originally scheduled to terminate 31 December.

Veterans may reinstate lapsed term insurance by payment of only two monthly premiums, accompanied by a signed statement to the effect that their health is as good now as when they allowed the policy to lapse.

#### IDAHO TO BE SCRAPPED

(SEA)—USS Idaho (BB-42) has been berthed in Newark, N. J., astern of USS New Mexico, and will be scrapped along with the New Mexico and USS Wyoming (AG-17, formerly BB-32). The three ships will be scrapped prior to 1 Aug. 1948.



The recent informal party held in Surgery No. 2 served a double purpose by ushering in the holiday season and honoring Dr. Beckert prior to his separation from the service. Personnel gathered for the party were, left to right: R. J. Hunnicutt, HAI, F. O. Anderson, PHM3, G. C. Lockhart, PHM3, B. D. Marriott, HAI, C. E. Ellis, PHM3, LTJG F. E. Beckert, MCR, USNR, CAPT H. G. Young, MC, USN, Chief of Surgery, ENS D. Bursa, NC, USN, LT M. Van Horn, NC, USN, H. A. Winfree, HAI, Edna Peters, PHM1, E. W. Fedje, HAI, LTJG I. Kiehl, NC, USN, C. L. Drumeller, PHM3, and A. E. Vitt, PHM1.

## Here and There

Queries on New Year resolutions from a cross section of personnel on the station prompted the following comments: **Mondt**—No, I like myself just the way I am . . . **Claire Martini**—Go on a diet . . . **Mrs. V. Wise**—Be kind to my husband . . . **Mrs. Sim**—Not making . . . **Del Favero**—Yes, not to get any more irons in the fire . . . **Miss Tom**—I'm going to do everything I didn't do in '47 . . . **Joe Guerra**—I can't think of a good one to make . . . **Molinowski**—I'm going on the wagon and stay there . . . **Veda**—What for! I just break them, I can't be a good kid . . . **Ready**—It just doesn't do any good to make any . . . **Dot Matesich**—What! To break them . . . **Schnell**—Do less than I did last year.

For personnel who still write "free" on their envelopes: this is a reminder that free mailing privileges terminate today.

After six years of successful operation the USO's throughout the country close their doors tonight and bring their labors to an end.

It has been learned that Marian Haas of Civilian Personnel has resigned and is to become the bride of Richard Hulse, Sunday, 4 January in Reno, Nevada. They intend to live in Paradise, Calif. Marian's desk will not be vacant as Fern Rogers from Patient Personnel was assigned to replace her.

Tonight, all roads lead to the Chiefs' Club in Alameda for the gala New Year's Eve dance and party. Come early and stay late.

Publication of the Oak Leaf was purposely delayed in order that Christmas week pictures could be included in this issue. The next issue of the Oak Leaf will appear Saturday, 10 January.

Amidst the tooting of horns and

banging of rattlers tonight at midnight staff officers and their guests will bid the "old year" goodbye and welcome the New Year in the gaily decorated social rooms of the Officers Club.

Festivities will begin with a cocktail party at 1700, to be followed immediately thereafter with dinner in holiday style.

Dancing to the music of an 11-piece All Girl Orchestra will feature the evening's entertainment. Then to complete the gala festivities a midnight supper will be served.

## Welcome and Farewell

The holiday season has had a noticeable effect on the turnover of personnel. Movement was kept at a minimum with only six officers and one enlisted man being detached prior to Christmas. They were:

CDR James Crawford, MC, USN, was transferred to COM 8 for duty under instruction in plastic surgery at various hospitals in Memphis, Tenn.; LTJG R. A. Bridge, MCR, USNR, left for duty aboard the U.S.S. Askari; LTJG R. K. Ashley, MCR, USNR, for duty at Port Chicago, Calif.; and the following officers left for USNAS, Pensacola, Florida: LTJG's C. M. Elmore, R. F. Jones, and G. M. Ewing, E. K. Noel, CPHM, was transferred to ComWesSeaFron for further assignment.

Four enlisted men were received for duty. They were: O. Lomax, Jr., CPHM, from Supply Center, Pearl Harbor, T. H.; V. E. Hull, CPHM, from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; R. Riley, STM1, and W. Richardson, STM1, reported from the Receiving Station, Treasure Island.

Discharged from the service in time to reach home for the holidays were: PHM3's L. M. Mraz and T. W. Holti, HAI's L. S. Whaley, J. O. Ekstedt, M. Farrah, C. H. Patton, P. A. Day, and A. P. Nebolon. HA2's A. Goldensher and B. F. Henderson.

Highbrow: A person who enjoys a thing until it becomes popular.